

# THEY WANT YOUR VOTE

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# GIVE US OUR BUSES BACK, SAY ELDERLY

BUS company Stagecoach has incurred the wrath of the isle's elderly.

The firm's recent changes to its bus routes have angered pensioners, who say they have been left high and dry without transport.

They are concerned that their needs have been overlooked as the company changed timetables.

Many say they are missing the old service that they had come to rely on and that their council-funded bus passes are now going unused as they pay for taxis to go about their day-to-day jobs.

Stagecoach has axed some routes which they deemed to be unprofitable or underused.

Although it says it has "invested in an improved service", not everyone agrees. Some of those affected are users of

■ BY TOM BETTS

the Age Concern service in Zion Place, Margate.

Patricia Hurst, an 87-year-old who used the buses regularly, is angry at the changes.

She said: "I used the bus practically every day, but the stops I used aren't being used now and it's inconvenient. It means I have to walk long distances, and it's very hard for me."

"So many elderly people use the bus and I think a lot of people feel the same way I do."

"I just want the bus to come as it did before. It was one an hour on the route I used, I wasn't asking for much."

At a full meeting of Thanet council last Thursday, councillor Iris Johnston called on all members to write to Stagecoach and appeal for the routes to be reinstated.

A petition has also been drawn up and is gathering signatures.

Vye Yeoman, 89, said: "I can't walk far and now I have to get taxis all the time, even to go to the shops – it can cost as much as £7 to get there and back home. It's a shame and I know a lot of others who feel the same. Let's have our bus back."

Stagecoach's managing director for east Kent and East Sussex, Phil Medlicott, said: "We have invested in an improved service and new accessible buses which will particularly assist the elderly and disabled, and provide a better environment for everyone by attracting more people to travel by bus instead of car."

"Route 34 was losing money and parts of route nine were unprofitable and not commercially viable."

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**STEP TOO FAR:** Patricia Hurst, 87, says bus route cancellations are leaving her and other pensioners with no options but to walk long distances or pay for more expensive taxis



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# Plans to pay new lead members at council scrapped

■ BY TOM BETTS

THANET council's ruling Tory party has done a U-turn regarding its scheme to introduce lead members in support of the Cabinet.

The lead members policy has already been voted through, but originally the plan had been for each member to receive a £500 annual sum for supporting Cabinet members in their roles.

That figure was later reduced to £200, but at a meeting last Thursday night the payment was cut altogether.

A council spokeswoman said: "Members decided, in view of the current economic situation, that the role would get no extra payments."

Opposition critics say the idea of lead members is council leader Sandy Ezekiel's way of strengthening his powerbase and in the council chamber on Thursday the lead members were mocked as "gophers" by the Labour group.

The appointments come two weeks after Cllr Ezekiel survived a leadership challenge from Jo Gideon and Chris Wells.

And on Thursday evening, Alasdair Bruce, the man who had sponsored Cllr Gideon's leadership bid, discovered that his role as lead member to John Kirby was being axed and he was being dumped in favour of Judith Russell.

Cllr Bruce has also been taken off the council's planning committee, as have Mike Taylor and Martin Jarvis. The trio were the only Tory planning members to vote for last year's China Gateway planning application to be referred to full council.

None of the three were given lead member status on Thursday night.

Asked about his axing by Cllr Ezekiel, Cllr Bruce said: "I am disappointed as I felt I brought a moderating influence to the committee and made a meaningful contribution to the long-term shape of Thanet's future."

"Despite being labelled as a tree-hugger, I felt my judgement was based



**'MORALITY':** Alasdair Bruce says that his primary loyalty is to his constituents

on what was best for Thanet within the constraints of planning law.

He added: "As I am no longer bound by those constraints, I would like to publicly applaud the residents of Birchington in their fight against the recent amusement arcade application – a fight I could not comment on before as I would have removed myself from the planning vote."

"As a councillor, morality and integrity are my guiding principles and my primary loyalty is to my constituents. Therefore I will endeavour to make sure their point of view is heard wherever I can."

Another casualty of the changes was Jill Kirby, who lost the chairmanship of governance and audit.

Those to have risen under Cllr Ezekiel's changes are Ken Gregory, who will be lead member to financial chief Martin Wise, and Simon Day, who will support Roger Latchford's regeneration and economic development portfolio.

Simon Moores, the new Cabinet member for customer services, will be assisted by Ewen Cameron.

Shirley Tomlinson (environmental services) will have Crispin Crotty and Brenda Rogers as lead members.

Zita Wiltshire (community services) will be helped by Brian Goodwin.

Labour group leader Clive Hart said: "I would assume some of those people [lead members] might be feeling a little disappointed. They thought they were going to be getting paid and now they are not."

## Chairman takes town hall seat for the year

THANET council's new chairman has been appointed for a full year.

Margaret Sheldrick, who was elected to the role of chairman in February, took over from John Kirby and was formally elected to continue her role for 2009-10 on Thursday night.

She said: "I'm delighted to have the confidence of the councillors who re-elected me for a full year. Over the next year, along with my vice-chairman, Cllr Roberts, we intend to promote and support Thanet."

"We're very conscious about the current economic climate and, for that reason, we'll be supporting the three town mayors and the efforts of the villages in their charity fund-raising efforts, rather than trying to do our own fund-raising."

"As part of that work, we are keen to support small local charity events. If anyone feels that either myself or the vice-chairman can assist in any way, all they have to do is ask."

"I'm also keen to promote Thanet outside of the area, as I want to ensure that we are noticed and known as a magical place to live, work and play."

During her year in office, Cllr Sheldrick will be escorted by her husband Ray Sheldrick.

Michael Roberts was elected as the vice-chairman.

## Clean Sweep to help solve housing issues

AN OPERATION to crack down on problems in Cliftonville has uncovered a number of housing problems that need to be resolved.

A second round of Operation Clean Sweep was held in Harold Road earlier this month.

Officers from Thanet council's renewal area, waste and recycling and housing and community teams found flats with no heating and others with overcrowding and illegal occupants.

The operation was held on Thursday, May 14, and involved council officers, Kent Police, the UK Border Agency and Kent Fire and Rescue Service.

Renewal area officer Dave Farmer said: "Our second mini Clean Sweep proved to be exceptionally useful."

"It's something that we intend to continue with, with the next mini Clean Sweep due to take place somewhere in the Cliftonville area in the next few weeks."

Clean Sweep continues this week, but this time it is targeting properties across the whole of the isle.

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# New lease of life for Maritime Museum

■ BY TOM BETTS

**RAMSGATE** Maritime Museum will reopen following an agreement to secure its future.

Lengthy negotiations between Thanet council and Preston Steam Trust have finally resulted in plans for the museum to open in the summer.

It will also be taken off the council's controversial asset management list which saw dozens of properties placed up for sale by the district authority.

The news was announced by the council's deputy leader, Roger Latchford, in the council chamber in Margate on Thursday night last week but will need to be rubber-stamped by the Cabinet in June.

Cllr Latchford said: "I'm pleased to say that agreement in principle has been achieved between the two parties that should see the museum being reopened soon."

"It should be open well in time for the main summer season."

"I'd like to thank all the council officers who have worked so hard and supported us in our endeavours to open the museum again. It has an exciting future."

Council leader Sandy Ezekiel added: "This is something we

should all be congratulating ourselves on.

"This is what we have been working for since the difficulties first began."

It has been a rocky year for the museum.

Funding of the East Kent Maritime Trust, the organisation which previously ran the attraction, was cut by the council, throwing its future into doubt.

The council was also considering selling the much-loved old building to raise money.

## Outcry

Ramsgate councillor Alan Poole (Labour) said: "This happened because of public outcry and the pressure that followed. That resulted in the council reconsidering their options."

His Labour colleague David Green said: "I welcome this - it's really good news and I'm sure that all those thousands of people who signed the petitions will also be pleased."

He asked for confirmation that the building would be taken off the asset disposal list, which Cllr Ezekiel confirmed.

No official opening date has been announced, but in the meantime the Preston Steam Trust will prepare the building and exhibits for the opening.



**FUTURE SECURED:** Ramsgate Maritime Museum is should be open for the summer

## Hunt on for road rage BMW man who hit driver

POLICE are asking for help in tracing a driver who punched another motorist in Broadstairs.

A number of other people were on the road at the time of the incident on Friday, May 1.

The assault happened at about 9.45am at the roundabout where Bromstone Road meets Ramsgate Road.

The police hope someone may have seen something that could help them piece together what happened.

The 66-year-old driver of a county council minibus was heading out of Ramsgate and just about to pull on to the roundabout when he had to stop because of the actions of a driver in silver BMW, approaching from Broadstairs.

Both vehicles stopped and the driver of the BMW, who was travelling alone, went to the open bus window and punched the man in the face, shouting at him as he did so.

## Barged

The minibus driver got out and attempted to call police, but the BMW driver barged him and stamped on his phone when it fell to the ground and the victim fell over a garden wall.

He suffered bruising, cuts and shock.

The attacker is white, in his early 30s, 5ft 10in tall and has a stocky build, leading witnesses to suggest he may be a body-builder.

It is believed the BMW had the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters ANK in the registration.

Anyone who saw the incident or who has information about who the attacker may be is asked to phone DC Katrina Whitehead at Margate police station on 01843 231055.

## 'We're aware some people are unhappy'

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Mr Medicott said that poorly-used routes had been reviewed, leading to cancellations.

He cited costs rising above the rate of inflation and a reduction in reimbursements from the National Concessionary travel scheme, under which over-60s travel free.

## Alterations

He said: "There are only a small number of stops we have ceased to serve and nearly all of these are covered by subsidised routes provided by Kent County Council."

"However, we accept some people need to change buses to be able to access the same places as they did before."

"The local authority were aware of the changes in advance and are looking at, or have already made, some alterations to the tendered network to cover the remaining gaps that were left."

"We are aware that some people in Thanet are unhappy and have responded to suggestions and complaints."

"However, we have no further plans at this time to change the network of services we operate on a commercial basis."

## Beachcomber had US war hero's dog-tags

THE identity tags of a US airman who was shot down and killed over Thanet have finally been retrieved by a councillor.

The dog tags of Lt George Hafner were buried on Palm Bay beach after the crash of a Liberator bomber during a dramatic April night of the Second World War in 1944.

Two Liberators came down over the isle, one in Palm Bay and the other in Westgate.

Lt Hafner, from St Paul, Minnesota, was killed in the crash, along with eight crew. He was one of the Bungay Buckaroos, the 446th Bomb Group, 20th Combat Wing, 2nd Air Division, 8th USAAF, stationed at Flixton in Norfolk.

They were flying back from a bombing raid on France when the plane came down and hit cliffs.

The tags were rumored to still be in the area and have now been given to Westgate-on-Sea councillor Simon Moores, who has been researching and following the story closely on his Thanet Life internet blog.

The new member of Thanet council's Cabinet said it was good news the tags had been handed back and he is hoping to give them back at a remembrance service in April.

He said: "I'm now hoping that with the support of the mayor and Margate



**RECOVERED:** Beachcomber was persuaded to hand in Lt George Hafner's dog tags and plans are afoot to return them to his next of kin

charter trustees, we can arrange a more formal remembrance event, involving the US Air Force next year which will commemorate all of the many young airmen who lost their lives on the beaches around Thanet."

"It would involve the formal surrender of Lt Hafner's dog-tag to the proper authority so that it may be returned to his next of kin."

The metal dog tags were in the care of a local beachcomber who had found them while metal-detecting and taken them home.

It took Cllr Moores several visits to the man's home to retrieve them, but they are now ready to be handed back.

A well-attended first service to remember the airmen was held at the Westgate-on-Sea war memorial last month and could now become an annual event.

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## Seats up for grabs at new parish council

THE first elections for a newly-formed Ramsgate parish council comprise the first step towards a town council, which can be voted for at the inaugural meeting.

A total of 36 candidates are standing in seven wards as the town takes greater control of its political destiny.

Among the Labour and Conservative candidates, which include both and new familiar faces, are Independents running on their own platforms. Ralph Houlst, entertainments manager of the Granville Theatre, is one.

He said: "I want to help bring Ramsgate back to where it was. I'm virtually retired and as I have a bit more time on my hands thought it was a good opportunity to get even more involved with the community."

Gerry O'Donnell is standing for his party Ramsgate First.

He said: "I'm standing because in the light of the disgraceful events in Parliament, it is important to have as many independent voices on the county council as possible."

The South Thanet Labour group also made a pledge to voters.

A spokesman said: "Ramsgate Labour Party supports the introduction of a town council as an important extension of local democracy. We will not make wild promises that cannot be delivered or afforded by you, the council taxpayer."

The Conservatives are running under the 'Celebrating Ramsgate' slogan.

A party spokesman said: "We will improve the environment by placing conservation, green spaces and rejuvenation of our wonderful town at the heart of our action."

"We will improve historical lighting, secure public funding for restoration and form floral improvement and green space action groups."

No Liberal Democrat candidates are standing for election.

### Ramsgate parish council candidates

#### RAMSGATE CENTRAL HARBOUR WARD

Peter Campbell, Labour  
Chris Carter, Labour  
Anthony Ovenden, Labour  
David Carr, Conservative  
Peter Landi, Conservative  
Mike Taylor, Conservative  
Angela Cousins, no party  
Ralph Houlst, Independent

#### EASTCLIFF WARD

Robert Ellender, Labour  
David Green, Labour  
Stephen Ward, Labour  
Rebecca Baty, Conservative  
Robert Burgess, Conservative  
Joan Ingles, Conservative  
Gerry O'Donnell, Ramsgate First

#### NETHERCOURT WARD

Kim Gibson, Labour  
Robert Griggs, Labour  
Jill Kirby, Conservative  
Brandia Rogers, Conservative

#### NEWINGTON WARD

Patricia Moore, Labour  
Richard Nicholson, Labour  
Bill Hayton, Conservative  
John Kirby, Conservative

#### NORTHWOOD WARD

Kay Dark, Labour  
Emma Poole, Labour  
Matthew Poole, Labour  
Barbara Byrne, Conservative  
Eric Easton, Conservative  
John Holmes, Conservative

#### PEGWELL WARD

Laura Higgs, Labour  
Patrick Doyle, Conservative

#### SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE WARD

Michelle Fenner, Labour  
Alan Poole, Labour  
Victor Todd, Conservative  
Lloyd Muir, Conservative  
Laura Probert, Independent

# It's time to cast

Election day is looming. On Thursday, June 4, residents will go to the polls, with no fewer than four sets of elections being held. The European elections will see the voters of the South East elect the politicians they want to represent the region at the European Parliament in Brussels. Closer to home, county council elections will be held as candidates fight for a place at County Hall in Maidstone. With the formation of the new Ramsgate Town Council imminent, polls will be open for people in the town to elect who they want to sit on it. Elsewhere, there will be a district council by-election in the Thanet Villages ward.

• For a round-up of the European elections, visit [Yourthanet.co.uk](http://Yourthanet.co.uk) or get next week's paper.

AS the race for county council seats comes to a climax, the candidates have been hitting the pavements hard to court your vote.

Dozens of people are standing for a range of parties and the results will be counted at the Winter Gardens in Margate on Friday, June 5.

The first results are expected that afternoon. Yourthanet spoke to candidates...

### Margate West

**ROBERT BURGESS, CONSERVATIVE:** I am your local councillor and I'm concerned about local issues. If re-elected, I will continue to fight for local businesses, local schools, local communities and local people.

**ROZ PARKER, UKIP**

**RAYCE KNOWLES, ENGLISH DEMOCRATS**

**KERRY HARKER, LABOUR**

**MARGARET BURNS, LIBERAL DEMOCRAT**

### Broadstairs and Sir Moses Montefiore

**JENNY MATTERFACE, LABOUR:** My husband and I moved to Thanet in 1971. Having brought up our family here, I was able to continue my involvement in voluntary work with groups including the disabled, supporting witnesses giving evidence at court and mentoring children to encourage a love of learning. I have been a Labour Party activist for many years and I want to get involved at county level. My particular interests are education and the environment.

**BILL HAYTON, CONSERVATIVE:** I'm making sure local people's concerns are put forward to all the departments at Kent County Council. I want to make sure problems within the area are all recognised and measures put forward to overcome them.



**LOUISE LATHAM, LIBERAL DEMOCRAT:** Despite working in London, I have taken the decision to live in Thanet to stay close to my family. If elected, I would work to ensure that there is greater public consultation, and through my work as a councillor, ensure that the voices from the villages are heard.

**MICHAEL PETER TACON HART, LIBERAL DEMOCRAT**

**MICHELLE FENNER, LABOUR:** I live in Broadstairs. I've been a district councillor for the Sir Moses Montefiore ward for 10 years, supporting the community on issues such as increased security at Dumpton Park station and funding for Sports

4 All. I helped set up the residents' association and the Dumpton Youth Project and have campaigned to save the Montefiore tennis courts.

**BOB BAYFORD, CONSERVATIVE:** I have served with Thanet council since 1991 so want to get on a big stage at county level. I want to ensure east Kent, and Broadstairs in particular, gets its fair share of KCC money and funding.

### Margate and Cliftonville

**CLIVE HART, LABOUR:** I have lived in Thanet most my life. I'm concerned about the deterioration



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of Margate. Many poorly-informed decisions have been made without input from local people and large projects have failed with millions wasted when local knowledge has been ignored. At County Hall we need representatives who work together and genuinely understand the town. The best way to do that is to elect me.

**IRIS JOHNSTON, LABOUR:** When my family moved to Margate in 1982, I quickly became aware Thanet was very much the poor relation to the rest of Kent. Residents and infrastructure were low on the Conservative-controlled Kent County Council's agenda and this has not changed. As a school governor and with other strong links in social and health services, as well as transport and tourism, I realise the only way to get the best for our area is by winning. If elected, I would work for the good of Margate, Cliftonville and Kent as a whole.

**CHRIS WELLS, CONSERVATIVE:** I've been an active resident for more than 20 years, with my children attending local schools and I've been involved in community work long before becoming a county councillor. I have represented hundreds of parents at school appeals. In the last four years, as your representative at County Hall, I have helped deliver the refurbishment of the Oval Bandstand and its summer concerts, the refurbishment of St Paul's and St John's community centres, the new Children's Centre and the Freedom Bus Pass; and I was the first Thanet politician to hold a Cabinet position at County. If elected, I will continue to press the concerns of Margate and Cliftonville at the highest level.

**MARTIN JARVIS, CONSERVATIVE:** I act as local councillor on behalf of the residents and community of Dane Valley. I have worked closely with many community groups such as Thanet Disability Forum and with housing associations in helping to deliver real benefits and results. I have a wealth of management experience and I am now using that

expertise and knowledge in local government. Councillors need to connect with residents to take on board their concerns to ensure a fair outcome.

**NIGEL OAKS, LIBERAL DEMOCRAT:** I'm 66, from Cheshire originally and am ex-Army with industrial and teaching experience. I was a Canterbury councillor from 2000 to 2007 and my political interests are education, immigration and transport. I'd like to see a rail link to Manston and more bobbies on the beat. I'm all for restoring Dreamland, similarly The Lido at Cliftonville, and generally upgrading the rundown areas.

**KEN HANDO, LIBERAL DEMOCRAT:** I'm from Herne Bay and a young 74! I taught in east Kent primary schools for 25 years and have been a Canterbury councillor for 14 years. I would seek to eliminate wasteful spending by KCC and I'd spend money on road and pavement improvements. I also back 20mph limits near schools and replacing grass and tarmaced verges with car-parking bays.

**JEFFREY ELENOR, UKIP**

## Birchington and Villages

**CHARLES HIBBERD, CONSERVATIVE:** My aims for the future are to keep Council Tax affordable without cutting services, to ensure KCC remains an excellent-rated authority, to keep the Thanet villages as distinct communities and to ensure that local government is run on a common-sense basis. I hope you will give me your vote to continue my work on your behalf.

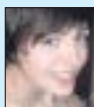
**BILL FURNESS, LIBERAL DEMOCRAT:** I enjoy living in Thanet and I am keen to ensure that the area is cleaned and tidied up. Litter, pot-holes and broken pavements are a problem in the area and I will continue to campaign to get these problems solved. Residents have also told me their concerns about China Gateway, night flights from Manston and overdevelopment of the villages and rural community.

## By-election for villages hot-seat

WHEN Audrey Pickering stood down in April from her district council role due to ill-health, she triggered a by-election in the Thanet Villages ward. The race is on to fill her seat in the Margate chamber, with the winner looking after the interests of Monkton, Sarre, Minster, St Nicholas-at-Wade, Manston and Acol. One of the candidates has now withdrawn, leaving four from which to choose. Yourthanet spoke to those who are standing...

**PETER LANDI, CONSERVATIVE:** I want to preserve the character of each village and support the residents in every way I can. I want to look at issues affecting the elderly; I am concerned with flooding issues and those who are doing things for themselves in the village. I am also campaigning for things to do for young people and tackling antisocial behaviour.

**REBECCA SCOBIE, LABOUR:** I am a 24-year-old science teacher at a local secondary school. As a biologist, I am interested in the environment and protecting the natural beauty of Thanet. If elected, I would like to conserve village life but develop the local economy to provide quality employment for local people.



**LOUISA LATHAM, LIBERAL DEMOCRAT:** This is my first election campaign, but I strongly believe any gaps in my experience can be filled by simply listening to the people I seek to represent. Despite working



in London, I have taken the decision to live in Thanet to stay close to my family. Thanet council could do better to maximise the area's natural potential by taking a more holistic view of the issues involved when making its decisions. Within the villages there has been concern about the potential expansion of Manston, China Gateway and new housing developments which has gone unaddressed through no or simply façade community consultation. If elected, I would work to ensure there is more effective public consultation, and through my work as a councillor, ensure that the voices from the villages are heard.

**BOB GROVE, INDEPENDENT:** One of my main points is to fight urban encroachment in the villages, which I believe is very important. I want to support adequate housing for village residents and recreation and shopping facilities, as well as investment in rural jobs in the area. I will fight greenfield development and I'm opposed to China Gateway being built on our water catchment areas. I support appropriate brown-field development and the daytime development of Kent International Airport but am totally opposed to night flights. If elected, I'll hold a monthly surgery so people can talk to me face-to-face.

**POLLING STATIONS:** Manston Village Hall, Preston Road, Manston; Minster Village Hall, High Street, Minster; Monkton Village Hall, Monkton Street, Monkton; Vansum Room, The Crown Inn, Ramsgate Road, Sarre; Village Hall, The Street, St Nicholas-at-Wade; Village Hall, Foads Lane, Cliffsand; Acol Village Hall, The Street, Acol.

## Ramsgate

**ALAN POOLE, LABOUR:** I grew up here and am an active county councillor promoting the interests of all residents. I take the time to listen to those who contact me and make every effort to answer and resolve their problems. I have successfully campaigned for the Newington, Newlands and Priory Children's Centres. I would like to see more of these, plus improved facilities for older children and families. I wish to ensure the older residents of Ramsgate are listened to and their interests protected by KCC. I take an active role in raising at county level Ramsgate's highway, road safety and community safety concerns.

**ELIZABETH GREEN, LABOUR:** I have gained a reputation for fighting for Ramsgate and ensuring its interests have a strong voice at KCC. I will work to gain much-needed facilities for youth, the disabled and the elderly. I'm determined to see the regeneration of Ramsgate and action to deal with antisocial behaviour.

**TREVOR SHONK, UKIP:** I want to preserve our farmland, which is disappearing under concrete and to help bring down unemployment and also to improve unemployment. I am concerned with all issues across Thanet and will work hard to progress on all those if I'm elected.

**JOHN KIRBY, CONSERVATIVE:** I deal with local issues with speed and tenacity. With this wide experi-

ence, I feel qualified to be of service to the residents of Ramsgate and be elected to Kent County Council. I have served the community for many years, been a magistrate on the east Kent bench at Margate for almost 14 years and am vice-chairman of Ramsgate Town Partnership.

**MIKE TAYLOR, CONSERVATIVE:** I want to see an improvement with the harbours. I believe passionately in making things better and want to see the town improve in every way. I place education, tourism and trade highly on my agenda.

**GERRY O'DONNELL, RAMSGATE FIRST**

**DENIS WHITING, BNP:** I am a British nationalist who believes that the United Kingdom should be independent, capable of self-defence and in control of its own industry, agriculture and resources. I believe that our nation has an ethnic identity and a Christian heritage, both of which are under severe threat.

**GEORGINA ROMAINE MADDOX, LIBERAL DEMOCRAT:** I'm not saying anything until I'm elected, but I want to make Ramsgate a better place and I will give my heart and soul to it when I'm elected.

**RICHARD PERRY, LIBERAL DEMOCRAT:** I want to work for the people, and there is an awful lot to do. I am a town councillor in Sandwich and want to support the new Ramsgate town council. The coastline is neglected and I want to make it better for tourism.

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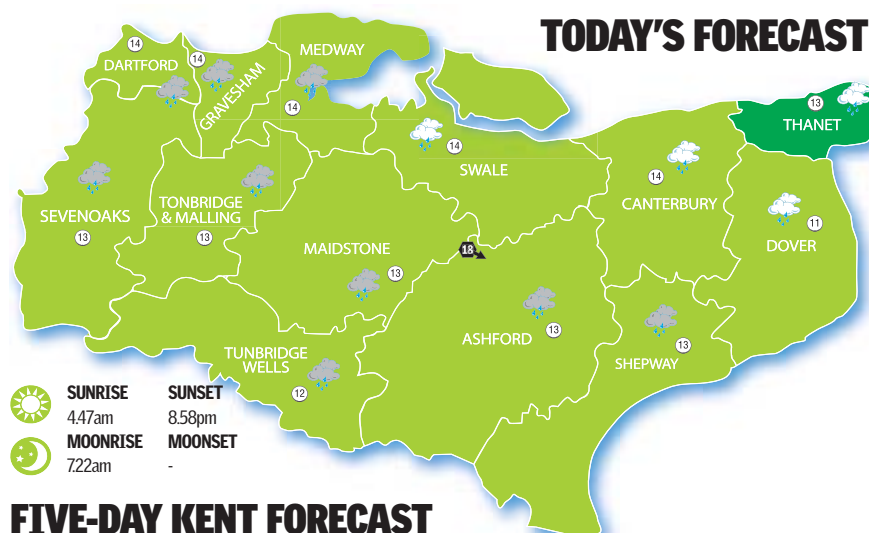
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	Sunday	5:42pm	6.0m
Dungeness	Saturday	4:21pm	6.8m
	Sunday	5:27pm	6.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:11pm	4.7m
	Sunday	6:12pm	4.6m
Sheerness	Saturday	5:57pm	5.3m
	Sunday	6:40am	5.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	5:55pm	4.9m
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Paul Stannard, managing director of KOS Media, explained: "We have never been able to satisfy the thirst for hard copies of both weekend papers."

"That's why we launched our e-editions. Now we're printing more paid-for editions so we can satisfy the demand in stores."

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### ROBIN WILKINS



**Q** How did you first get involved with SeaFrance?

**A** A recruitment consultant called me when SeaFrance was being set up. At the time I was working in London as V.P. Europe for Cunard Line but the company had become very Americanised and had lost its way. And living in Broadstairs, the commute to Dover was more appealing. I love a challenge and nobody gave SeaFrance a chance of survival when it started after the split with Stena. A year later, it was Stena who threw in the towel.

**Q** What does your job involve?

**A** I head up the management of the UK arm of SeaFrance with a staff of 150. We are responsible for all the revenue generation in the UK, plus the port operations and relationships with local, regional and national government, and other organisations. Seventy per cent of the company's tourism revenue comes from our sales and marketing effort. I spend quite a lot of time with my co-directors in France.

**Q** What do you think makes SeaFrance different from other ferry services on the Channel route?

**A** I think our ships, our staff and our French heritage set us apart. We have invested heavily in new tonnage – over £300 million since 2001, and have the most modern fleet on the route. Onboard, the style and service is unmistakably French. For example, our

Brasserie food is freshly cooked on the ship, not previously made ashore, as on some ships I could mention. And before you travel, I think we have the best reservations service and slicker customer handling in the port.

**Q** Are you confident that SeaFrance can get through the struggles of the current economy?

**A** I am. The cross-Channel market, especially freight, has slumped over the last 18 months and there is too much capacity. By and large, our costs are fixed so the business is very sensitive to revenue changes – up or down! Additionally, the fall of sterling has hit us hard, as much of our revenue is in pounds but our costs are in euros. Competition in the ferry business is fierce and basic fares have been driven down to uneconomic levels. But we have a restructuring plan which will get us back into long-term profit. Painful but necessary.

**Q** What is the hardest part of your job?

**A** Explaining the English to the French, and the French to the English! Apart from that, taking unpleasant decisions and accepting that everyone has a boss and so you can't change everything you want to.

**Q** What is the best thing about your job?

**A** The variety, the challenge and being able to do something to affect the outcome. I enjoy

the teamwork of business. I think my staff are better than those of our competitors. Maybe that's why they often try to poach them!

**Q** What three reasons would you give to someone looking to cross the Channel to use SeaFrance?

**A** A. We have the most stylish and spacious ships, which makes for a comfortable and relaxing crossing in a unique continental atmosphere. B. Price and value – we try to have the lowest fares to Calais, which is by far the most popular route. C. Be different and surprise yourself. Enjoy a touch of Frenchness and don't be a P&O sheep.

**Q** What is the next step for the company?

**A** Recovery – implementing our capacity adjustments and cost-cutting plan will put us in a great position for a stable long-term future, whether that's on our own or in partnership with another maritime company. Ferry travel today is infinitely better than the experience of a few years ago and we need to get that message out there to boost the market. The more people travel by ferry, the better for all the operators, our staff, and for Dover.

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Q&A

Robin Wilkins, the UK managing director for SeaFrance, spoke to **Marijke Cox** about how the ferry industry is suffering in today's stormy economic climate and what is being done to secure the company's future



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# We're the gardeners of England

BY NEILL BARSTON

THE Garden of England lived up to its name at this year's Chelsea Flower Show.

The Royal Horticultural Society's annual showpiece attracted thousands of green-fingered fans and the champagne corks were popping after Kent entries netted a haul of nine accolades, including silver and gold awards.

Among those celebrating was Sittingbourne-based landscaping firm Marshalls. Its smart show garden, entitled Living Street, earned a silver gilt award.

It showcased four distinct designs of futuristic front gardens.

Winning designer Ian Dexter said: "The whole journey to create the garden has been a wonderful experience and receiving this medal has made it even better. The team worked seamlessly and this is a magnificent commendation to everyone involved in the project.

"The concept of creating four front gardens in the Show Garden category has never been done before, but what we wanted to achieve was to highlight to everybody that front gardens are wonderful spaces where you can be creative and have fun, in very much the same way we use our back gardens; from places to socialise in to even growing your own fruit and veg."

Also doing the county proud was designer Jo Thompson, from Cranbrook, and Merriments Gardens, who won a silver gilt medal for their Demelza Garden.

Their aim was to produce a garden which would be a relaxing environment and it will be



**TRANQUIL:** Jo Thompson from Cranbrook and Merriments Gardens created this soothing Demelza Garden, above; while Marshalls' Living Street, inset left, was designed by Ian Dexter



rebuilt for the children at the Demelza hospice in Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, in the coming weeks. A delighted Mrs Thompson said: "Having spent a great deal of time in Italy – my father is Italian – I have been inspired since

childhood by the great villas of Tuscany and Rome. Their strong shapes and sense of theatre play an important part in my style."

Winning his third award in as many years was Benenden's Chris O'Donoghue, who claimed a silver gilt for his imaginative medieval garden.

His equally ambitious project last year, a Moroccan courtyard, attracted plenty of interest as he became the first person to have ani-

mals accompanying his display, bringing in a donkey to add to the desert scene.

This year, his display featured a range of medicinal herbs which caught judges' eyes.

He said: "It's great to have won an award here. Having previously been a potter, I'm happy to be making my way using mud rather than clay these days."

"I didn't bring any animals this year – I don't think they are letting anyone do that now. The donkey ended up staying at the Royal Horse Barracks last time."

Patricia Ellis, of Orpington, accepted a gold award for her unusual flower arrangement.

The TV coverage of this year's show was hosted again by Alan Titchmarsh, with visitors including the Queen and actress Joanna Lumley, taking a well-earned break from her campaign in support of GURKHAS' rights.

## KENT WINNERS

### GOLD

Patricia Ellis, Orpington  
Category: Flower Arranging, 1st Session  
Ms M Odd, Ashford, NAFAS  
Category: Floral Marquee

### SILVER

Jo Thompson, Cranbrook, Demelza Garden  
Category: Courtyard Garden  
Chris O'Donoghue, Cranbrook  
Category: Courtyard Garden  
Dr S Charlesworth, Hadlow, Downderry Nursery  
Category: Floral Marquee  
Roger Platts, Edenbridge  
Category: Floral Marquee  
Heather Angrave, Tonbridge, Old Walled Garden  
Category: Floral Marquee  
Maggie Temple, Sevenoaks  
Category: Flower Arranging 1st Session  
Marshalls, Sittingbourne  
Category: Show Garden



**SILVER:** Chris O'Donoghue's Courtyard Garden

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The British strawberry is iconic and conjures visions of what is best about living in England.

For some the taste brings back memories of times gone by, when life seemed less hurried and simpler, and for others it is tennis at Wimbledon and the hope of glory on the tennis court.

Now is the perfect time to add strawberries to your shopping list at [www.foodforkent.co.uk](http://www.foodforkent.co.uk) as they are coming through thick and fast and are of great quality; packed full of flavour.

I managed to taste quite a few from different Kent suppliers when I was down at the Foodforkent.co.uk HQ filming the third episode of my new internet TV series, Made in Great Britain, which you can view at [www.pod3.tv](http://www.pod3.tv) or download the full episode free from iTunes.

During my visit to Bank Farm in Aldington, near Ashford, I was also able to pick some fresh asparagus and went foraging for wild garlic, which is bang in season at the minute and sadly only lasts for about one more month.

Wild garlic is so versatile and can be used in salads but also adds flavour to soups or even to infuse cream for dauphinoise potatoes. The flower can be used to garnish fish dishes and even to lift a salad.

While at Bank Farm, one thing which greatly impressed me was the free-range egg farm and how well the chickens were

**Celebrity chef Richard Phillips is a supporter of our 2009 KOS Media campaign, encouraging readers to buy from local suppliers. In the latest of his exclusive columns, he takes a close-up look at the joys of the strawberry – and shares one of his favourite recipes.**



kept and how happy they seem. Happy chickens produce great eggs. I took some away with me and cooked a poached egg dish with the freshly picked asparagus – heaven. Duck eggs are currently in abundance at the moment too and there are some special deals on Foodforkent.co.uk which you can take advantage of.

Talking of things nostalgic, I was back in school earlier this month opening a new dining room and kitchen at the Sutton Valence Preparatory School in Chart Sutton, Maidstone, and did a cooking demonstration to 200 children, parents, teachers and governors.

We did a quiz with the children on food from around the county and why we should

buy local and what advantages it brings to the environment and our pockets. They loved it, and it was great to see how aware the children were of the issues and how they understood that by buying local and fresh produce the taste is so much more enhanced. It was a great day.

My recipe today is one of my favourite desserts, bakewell tart with Kentish strawberries and this is a dish that conjures up all of those nostalgic images and feelings of summers past and those to come. I hope you enjoy it and don't forget if you have any cooking or recipe questions, email me at [richard.phillips@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:richard.phillips@kosmedia.co.uk) and I will be happy to answer them.

*Richard Phillips*

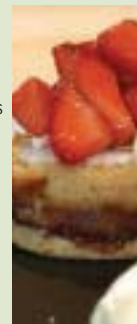
## Bakewell tart with Kentish strawberries

### Ingredients

1 x sheet of shop-bought puff pastry  
4 tablespoons of strawberry jam  
Almond paste (see recipe below)  
2 egg yolks (for the egg wash)  
1 quantity of royal icing (see recipe below)  
Handful of flaked almonds  
1 punnet of Kentish strawberries  
1 tablespoon of icing sugar  
2 tablespoons of balsamic vinegar  
Vanilla ice-cream or cream to serve

Almond Paste – combine ingredients  
200g butter  
200g caster sugar  
100g whisked eggs  
50g plain flour  
100g ground almonds

Royal icing – combine ingredients  
225g icing sugar  
35g egg whites  
splash of lemon juice



### Method

- Roll out the puff pastry to a 3mm thickness
- Butter four individual tartlet cases and line with the rolled-out pastry
- Place a tablespoon of the jam in the base of each one. Pipe in the almond paste, leave space at the top of the mould, brush with the egg wash, now place another sheet of rolled out puff pastry over the top. Using a rolling pin, roll over the tartlet mould to cut off the edges. Leave to rest for 20min.
- Pre heat the oven to 170C.
- Using a palette knife, spread a thin layer of royal icing over the top of the tart and sprinkle with a few flakes of almonds.
- Bake in a pre-heated oven for 20min or until golden brown on top.
- Warm the strawberries in a pan with the icing sugar and balsamic vinegar for 3-4minutes, just until the juices start to come out of the strawberries. Allow to cool
- Place the strawberries on top of the tart and serve with a scoop of ice-cream or drizzled with cream.



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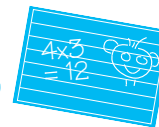
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## Ben's singing to support children



**TUNE IN:** Ben Mitchell is selling a CD he recorded to help raise money for Demelza Hospice Care For Children

A DANE Court Grammar School pupil with a passion for singing has been raising money for a children's hospice.

Ben Mitchell has recorded and released a charity CD, with all proceeds going to Demelza Hospice Care For Children near Sittingbourne. So far he has raised £500.

Ben has sung from a very young age and, since having weekly sessions with vocal coach Martin Rendal, his confidence has grown to the extent that he chose to follow his coach's advice last year and record a CD for family members.

His grandparents were so impressed that without anyone's knowledge he decided to send it to BBC Radio Kent, who invited him on to the Saturday Morning Show with the two Pauls, who both interviewed him and played a track.

As a result the producer of the show spoke to Ben's father and suggested releasing an album.

Some 10 months later, Ben has been back to the recording studio and put together eight of his favourite tracks, mainly from films and musicals.

■ BY TOM BETTS

Instead of releasing it for profit, Ben elected to give all the proceeds to Demelza.

Keith Lee, the area fund-raising manager for Demelza, said: "I was really pleased to hear from Ben and think this is a fantastic way to raise money."

"The money will help us to offer essential

services to 570 life-limited children and their families throughout the South East.

"After hearing this great CD I am confident they will fly out of the shops at just £3 each."

So far, many local shops and businesses have not only shown an interest but have already agreed to display Ben's music – these range from Costa Coffee, WHSmith, Sainsbury's and Tesco to local record shops.

• Full details are available at [www.benmitchell.me.uk](http://www.benmitchell.me.uk)

### BREAK TIME

#### Chef is determined to win next contest

THE heat of cookery battle is clearly in Hannah Edmonds's blood.

After landing a runners-up spot in a countywide competition to find Kent's best young chefs, 11-year-old Hannah said the achievement had "spurred me on to try to win next year".

The student at Ellington School for Girls in Ramsgate prepared and served her two-course creation of cauliflower soup followed by chicken breast in a Mediterranean sauce with rocket garnish before judges at the acclaimed catering department at Thanet College in Broadstairs.

She said: "It was quite nerve-racking, but there was a lot of support from staff. I didn't expect to win the competition – I was happy to have qualified for the finals. When they announced I was one of two runners-up I couldn't believe it."



**LITTLE CHEF:** Runner-up Hannah Edmonds

"It has made me determined to enter again next year with the aim of winning the competition."

Hannah's nutritious menu also won favour with her hungry family.

"They thought it was very tasty," she said.

Sarah Noone, head of food technology at Ellington, said: "Hannah did remarkably well to finish in the top three in the Kent Cooks competition."

"This was a trial year for the contest and the response has been very positive. I hope it is held again next year as it helps promote healthy eating and nutrition."

#### On course for more international links

AN EU-funded scheme that has seen Ramsgate students forge close links with schools in France, Hungary, Norway, Slovenia and Romania has been such a success that moves are under way to sign up for the three-year programme again.

Clarendon House Grammar is one of the lead schools in the pan-European Comenius Project, which culminated with an exhibition of all the work carried out under the theme of art, food and culture in Nemours, near Paris.

Sixth-formers Amy Nash, Susan Brett, Lydia Denning and Zoe Harris took part in the show at the Lycee Bezout and showed examples of work they completed during educational and cultural visits to their European partner schools.

##### Heritage

Matthew Morley, director of languages and assistant head-teacher, said: "The project theme was cultural, based on art and food, and our students learned how to cook traditional food and also took part in local craftwork sessions."

"They have also learned a great deal about the culture and heritage of each country they have visited. They have been great ambassadors for the school and their country."

Mr Morley confirmed that Clarendon House, a specialist languages school, will apply to join the next Comenius Project.

He said: "The value of this scheme is far-reaching and has been important to our school and our students."

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# yourthanetblogger

This week's contributor suggests a range of suitable occasions on which to enjoy an official break



## More public holidays are of a high political importance

EVERYONE loves bank holidays, and we have just had two.

Earlier this week, in fact, we all had a day off and before that there was May Day – long celebrated as a day for the workers and thus well publicised by the Labour Party.

It may have been an official holiday a few years before he took power, but Tony Blair was always very keen to recognise it. But now there isn't anything until Monday, August 31 – more than three whole months without a break.

I know people will be taking their holidays in the summer months, but there is something extremely satisfying about knowing a three-day weekend is coming up. So, why not another holiday in the summer?

With David Cameron surely set to become our next Prime Minister, it is something for him to look at. I am sure he could make himself extremely popular within days of coming to power by announcing another summer holiday. But what dates or times would be best?

Well, just coming up is the Queen's Official Birthday, which falls on Saturday, June 13. So a holiday would be the following Monday – or, just maybe, the Friday beforehand. Can you imagine the joy everyone would have at finishing a week at work on a Thursday night?

It would make coming in on the Monday before a pleasure. Every time you felt a bit down, all you would need to think is: 'I'll be finished a day before normal'.

And that's not the only date he could consider. It may be a bit 'hippy', but how about celebrating the summer solstice.

It's on June 21, this year a Sunday. So the following Monday could be Midsummer's Day bank holiday. That would be just as popular.

Then the following Saturday is a new celebration – Armed Forces Day. So how about the Monday there for a bank holiday? It would be a bit more sombre maybe.

But it would be a chance to say thank you to those servicemen and women in such places as Afghanistan. After all, Remembrance Day is

always a Sunday and there are no public holidays which recognise serving soldiers, sailors and airmen, or the countless dead of the wars of the 20th century.

I know the Scots have a bank holiday this year on August 3, so I thought we should take that off, as well. But it turns out that they don't have the last Monday of the month, so it balances itself out.

Maybe the previous ideas are lacking in the political correctness department. Well, the Islamic fast of Ramadan starts on Saturday, August 22, so how about a holiday then?

Great time of the year for a day off, too... mind you, if everyone observed the correct Muslim rules – no drink, food, smoking or sex between sun up and sun down – some people might just wish they were at work.

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The new concessions will house brand new spring/summer collections which all make bold statements with vibrant prints and strong colours to create a fun yet sophisticated wardrobe.

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## Is this your chance to make a noise in music industry?



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Those behind the scheme will then draw upon their knowledge and skills to help people advance their ambitions and to make new and exciting music.

The project could lead to the formation of bands, new contacts and the benefit of the expertise of the industry experts who run the company.

Better still is the fact that auditions are completely free for those who want to take part.

Diverse creative director Malissa Whitehouse said: "Everyone who participates will have their details taken and will audition in front of a music

■ BY TOM BETTS

industry panel.

"The overall aim is to let a lucky artist, musician or band feature on one of our in house productions, where they will be credited and have a CD to show to labels, publishers and agents.

"It's a money can't buy prize as this door wouldn't usually be open."

She added: "It's about opening up our doors to everyone so we find some great talent which we know is here in Kent. The possibilities are huge and we are excited about what the future holds."

The studio may be set in unconventional surroundings, in Bilting in between Ashford and Canterbury, but the place is set up with all the latest i-tech recording equipment you could need and also has a separate rehearsal room.

Diverse are now calling on Kent's musicians and performers to get in touch with them to request an audition.

To enquire about an audition spot email Malissa at Malissa@popsessions.co.uk.

Include a brief description of who you are, what you do and a picture of yourself if possible.

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## TALK TIME

### DARRELL BUTT

The 32-year-old author from Broadstairs talks about his first work, an autobiography with a difference



#### What is your new book about?

The book is the biography of Darnel Pimpy Dee Sanchez (who you could say is a colourful characterisation of myself). The whole book is in the format of limerick and poetic verse and is, as far as I'm aware, the first-ever book of its kind... not a biography but a rhymeography.

The contents follow the bizarre and side-splittingly funny adventures of Darnel Sanchez from birth to age 30. It has been advertised as Dr Zeuss meets Dr Dre, and Rupert the Bear for adults.

#### That's a unique idea, how did you come up with it?

You're right, it is – thank you! I thought of it all by myself. I'm not sure how or why, mind you.

I had in years gone by tried in vain to pen an autobiography in the traditional way but would lose interest, then about a year ago I started scribbling down short poems and then longer ones based on my unusual teenage capers. I had found a way of telling a story that was both fun and challenging to write and therefore fun and easy to read. I had invented the autorhymeography!

#### Where can people buy the book?

Darnel Pimpy Dee Sanchez the Rhymeography is available now and can be purchased in the Oxford Street branch of Borders or on various websites. There will also be a limited number of copies available at my book-signing on June 20 at Café Jamaica above The Sovereign public house in Harbour Street, Ramsgate, from 11am to 6pm.

However, there will only be limited copies, so I'd recommend people buy one and bring it along on the day.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Leaflet is shameful scaremongering

Laura Sandys should be ashamed that she boasts in Yourthanet of sending out 30,000 leaflets attacking Government plans for polyclinics and trying to frighten sick and vulnerable people into thinking the Government wants to stop them using their family doctor.

She knows it is not true and that anyone who uses a polyclinic will do it because it suits their lifestyle and, even if they do, they will still stay registered with their family doctor.

It's even more shameful, and embarrassing, for her to have sent out this leaflet because the Tory health spokesman has just said the Conservatives accept polyclinics won't affect family doctors and now back the Government's plans!

Stephen Ladyman MP (Labour)  
Thanet South

### Desperate tactics

I was very disappointed to see Yourthanet give prominence to a misleading story regarding polyclinics which has already received widespread rebuttal in the Margate area.

The Conservative candidate for Thanet South, Laura Sandys, recently had leaflets delivered in the Thanet North constituency calling on us to Save our GPs.

The leaflets, which must now count in the election expenses of Conservative county candidates, caused mostly ridicule for their naive political scaremongering.

The GPs I have spoken to are not that impressed, either. Under this Labour Government we have several new doctors' surgeries in north Thanet and extensions to others planned.

The one polyclinic under consideration for Thanet is likely to be in Ramsgate and will act as a great support for existing services.

In other areas they have proved very successful in supporting young people who rarely need medical help and haven't yet registered with a GP.

Mrs Sandys has yet again not done her homework and cannot even recognise the boundaries between north and south Thanet in her desperation to scare people into voting Conservative.

It won't work, Madam!

Cllr Iris Johnston  
Chair, North Thanet Labour Party

### Check the facts

I have received Laura Sandys's latest leaflet about polyclinics. She writes as though these clinics, even if they are planned, were a bad thing, but in fact they can relieve GPs of many routine appointments to enable them to concentrate on patients with more serious concerns.

Polyclinics operating as drop-in centres attached to a general hospital reduce waiting times and for minor injuries and ailments again save time for patients and staff alike.

My son was able to visit one of these drop-in centres in London and was seen in minutes instead of having to wait in the A&E department of a busy hospital. His ailment was dealt with and he was on his way in 30 minutes. GP surgeries will still be

available, but for everyone who feels the doctor's surgery is best kept for the really sick as opposed to the unwell, they are a boon.

It is a pity Ms Sandys persists in her claims that surgeries will close. Has she checked with the NHS to see if this is the case?

Jennifer Matterface (Labour)  
KCC candidate, Broadstairs and Montefiore

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June Chadband  
Farmers market organiser

### Look at council, too

After the exposure by The Daily Telegraph, it is time all local

councillors in the country had their expenses investigated, too.

I would not be surprised to discover that some had cause to be investigated... after all, they have had fine examples set by their superiors in Westminster.

Audrey Marjerson  
by email

### Raw deal on buses

Is it just me, or is the gulf between bus services to Canterbury from Margate and Ramsgate as wide as the Atlantic Ocean?

While Margate is given the new Breeze service, offering four buses per hour at peak times, the pathetic Ramsgate service has a paltry nine buses per weekday to Canterbury.

Obviously Stagecoach doesn't believe anyone wants to travel to Canterbury from Ramsgate, despite the town being supposedly in line for a new ferry service that could potentially bring in hundreds of tourists.

Is this the latest effect of Thanet council's hari-kiri approach to tourism (at least when it comes to anything other than the pre-pubescent Turner Centre)... causing Stagecoach to believe no one could possibly be using Ramsgate as a base on an ill-advised holiday to the isle?

Mind you, it's not as if the bus services to Canterbury have been any different over the years – it's just that Margate's service has brought it all into sharp relief.

It's about time Stagecoach explained why Ramsgate gets such a poor piece of the pie when it comes to buses to Canterbury.

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investigate? Until then, I'm getting the train.

Richard Jermy  
by email

## Don't lose this chance to right the wrongs

I have gone on public record for some time regretting the domination of local issues by national parties.

I have said that they polarise debate, are contemptuously dismissive of ordinary people and have attacked those who have tried to introduce reforms such as a town council for Ramsgate.

I have also advocated that some of the tiers of government (districts) be pruned and I have called for a reduction in the number of Parliamentarians: there are far too many.

I had expected that all this would be unachievable in my lifetime. Not once did I consider the possibility that the national parties would light the touchpaper of their own extinction, and so soon. But these past two weeks have shown that that is what they have done.

But we must not let the behaviour of the national parties, deeply shocking though it is, cause us to abdicate our responsibility as voters.

As we enter the final days of the hustings for the first elected Ramsgate Town Council in 35 years, I am concerned that the debate will centre on dislike of the parties

rather than the virtues, or lack of them, of the candidates.

I ask you, the people of Ramsgate, not to allow your justifiable anger about the present state of national politics to damage the future of our town.

Ramsgate needs capable men and women to build a good and cost-effective administration.

So please don't throw your vote away. Use it wisely, use it carefully. Not all the candidates are unworthy of your trust.

Gerry O'Donnell (Ramsgate First)  
Ramsgate Town Council candidate for Eastcliff

## The digital page

Congratulations to KOS Media on a very good digital newspaper, particularly in terms of ease of handling and reading the pages online.

There has been a lot of comment lately on the plight of the local press. I hope that your efforts ensure your survival as an important part of local journalism. We cannot do without you.

I wish you well – for all our sakes.  
Adam Thomson  
by email

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## They need a shock

What politicians call 'ordinary people' get into terrible trouble when they fiddle or don't pay their taxes, so I suggest that we 'ordinary people' get out and use our vote on June 4 for an alternative party or an Independent candidate to give the main parties the shock they deserve.

It doesn't matter whether you vote UKIP, Ramsgate First or Independent – just don't vote for the BNP.

Ken Bennett  
Ramsgate

## A time for carers

I helped to look after both my parents when they suffered from dementia, so I know the challenges of caring for someone you love.

The difficulties that carers face often go unrecognised.

This year's Carers Week, which takes place from June 8-14, will combat this by recognising and celebrating the contribution made by this secret service of carers, with local and national events.

I am calling on all readers who are carers to visit [www.carersweek.org](http://www.carersweek.org) to see what's happening locally and find out more about the help available.

Tony Robinson  
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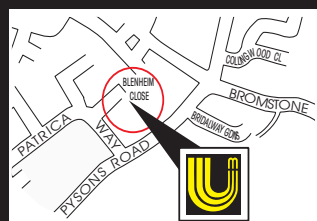
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His connection with Rochester is well known as Dickens spent some of his formative years in Medway and drew inspiration from the area for some of his most memorable settings.

For example, Restoration House in Rochester was the model for Satis House, the old mansion owned by jilted bride Miss Havisham in *Great Expectations*.

A busy programme of entertainment awaits residents and visitors at this year's vibrant festival, from theatre and music to exhibitions, workshops and children's readings at venues across the city.

The fun begins with The Dickens First Night Ball at the Corn Exchange on Thursday, where costumes are a must. There will be lots

of opportunities to discover the Victorian way of life with a traditional fun fair, costume competitions, children's period games and the City of Rochester Society's festival craft fair, all taking place at Rochester Castle Gardens.

Along with all the old favourites that have delighted crowds for years, there will be some new highlights. The Guildhall Museum forecourt hosts A Novel Birthday Party, which will be a tea party like no other as Dickens characters celebrate the 150th anniversary of *A Tale of Two Cities*.

The Great Chuck Dickens takes on Bill Make No Peace Thackeray in The Big Match and Victorian melodrama receives a comic parody in The Black Widow – both events take

place in Rochester Castle Gardens. Discover the fascinating entertainment provided by the Magic Lantern in demonstrations being run at Eastgate House.

A Victorian atmosphere will prevail as grand parades of costumed characters transport the streets of Rochester back to the 19th century and there will be plenty of traditional entertainment, from Punch and Judy shows and organ-grinders to Victorian music-hall acts.

Learn more about the history of this fascinating historic city with a free 90-minute walking tour.

Another addition to this year's festival is Traditional England, taking place at The Vines on Saturday and Sunday. Celebrating all that is glorious about England in the summer months, the event will feature shire horses, a tug of war competition, falconry displays, country craft stalls, demonstrations and more.

For the full extensive festival listings, download a brochure at [www.medway.gov.uk/dickensfestival](http://www.medway.gov.uk/dickensfestival), or phone Medway Visitor Information Centre on 01634 843666 for more information.

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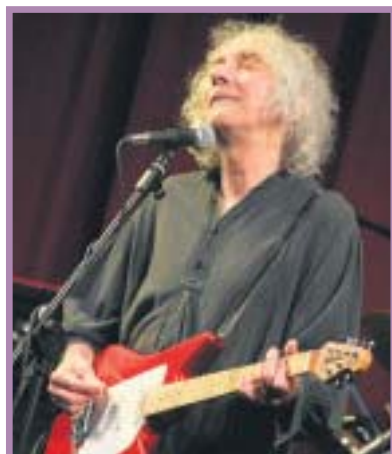


FANS of guitar music should not miss the chance to see the double Grammy Award-winning Albert Lee in action.

The world class guitarist visits Thanet this week along with the all-star band, Hogan's Heroes, to mark his 50th year as a professional musician. Lee has celebrated his forthcoming biography, Country Boy, with an album that explores the musical influences which shaped his career.

He has played with some of the industry's greats, such as Eric Clapton, Joe Cocker, Bill Wyman, the Crickets, Jimmy Page, BB King, Eddie Van Halen, The Everly Brothers, Chris Farlowe, Heads Hands & Feet, Rodney Crowell and Emmylou Harris.

Mixing country rock, rockabilly and rock 'n' roll, Lee plays both guitar and piano alongside Gerry Hogan on pedal steel, Brian Hodgson on bass, Pete Baron on drums and incredible new star Elio Pace on keyboards.



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ONE of theatre's great tragedies becomes a giggle in the hugely popular Ha Ha Hamlet!

Written by street performer Ben Langley, the three-man show sees the Bard's classic tale given a remarkable makeover, uncovering all the hidden gags theatregoers had never spotted before. Described as a cross between James Bond and Mr Bean, Ha Ha Hamlet! plays out against an Elsinore Castle made entirely from suitcases and features classic street theatre routines such as a straight jacket escape.

More magic acts used by Paul Daniels and Tommy Cooper help to lighten the mood, along with some catchy songs and rather camp dancing.

The success of the show, which premiered to

## HA HA HAMLET!

Friday, May 29  
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sell-out audiences in 2007, Langley wrote the equally popular who-dunnit, Ha Ha Homicide! As an award-winning street performer, Langley is adept at holding audience's attention and ingeniously manages to wring humour from Shakespeare's notoriously glum tale of murder, madness and revenge. He is joined by fellow street performer Mike Raffone and actor Andrew Fettes.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £12.50/£10. To book, phone 0845 130 1786 or 01227 787787.

## SEA SUNDAY

Sunday, July 5  
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AFTER an absence of two years, the moving Sea Sunday event returns to Broadstairs this summer.

The event is nationally recognised as the day for remembering those who serve at sea or have lost their lives at sea and provides a touching commemoration of those sacrifices. This year the highly acclaimed Royal British Legion Youth Band will lead the parade through the town, along with the District Sea Cadet Band.

A wide variety of organisations and individuals will be taking part, such as bands, civic leaders, ex-service organisations and youth groups, appearing in the



parade and the service of remembrance which follows at the harbour. All kinds of vessels will be in attendance off-shore, subject to commitments and weather. Spectators can look forward to seeing lifeboats and vessels from the Royal Navy, the Coastguard, Revenue & Customs, Trinity House, the

Pilot Service and many private boats.

There will also be onshore entertainment with a fun fair and stalls. The parade will start from Pierremont Hall at 11.30am and the service starts at noon.

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### Male voice choir gives a lesson in charity

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### Get ready for some night fever at 70s do

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# He's finally back on the big screen and he's found God

■ BY KATE WHITING

WHILE shooting Moulin Rouge, the smash hit Baz Luhrmann musical set in Paris, Ewan McGregor romanced Nicole Kidman on a movie set in Sydney rather than Montmartre.

And while latest movie Angels & Demons is set in a sun-drenched Rome, the star says he didn't make it there either.

"Imagine that? That was the only reason I took the job and then they said my scenes were in LA.

"I've often fantasised that Rome would be a great place to work.

"Swan off set with your sunglasses on, walk to the nearest cafe, but that didn't happen."

In the blockbuster adaptation of Dan Brown's novel, McGregor plays Camerlengo Patrick McKenna, a man charged with the interim ruling of the Vatican City after the death of the pope.

The Vatican denied permission for any filming to take place within its walls, so director Ron Howard set about reconstructing the location's most famous sights – including the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel – in Los Angeles.

Angels & Demons marks a return to the big screen for McGregor after a spell pursuing other interests – notably motorbiking around the world with best friend Charley Boorman.

He's back in the game with a bang. High-profile movies this year include I Love You Philip Morris, with Jim Carrey and The Men Who Stare At Goats, with George Clooney.

Angels & Demons is the follow-up to 2006's controversial The Da Vinci Code. But while The Da Vinci Code film sparked protests from



WHEN NOT IN ROME: Actor Ewan McGregor

the church, Howard's latest adaptation of Dan Brown's work has been billed as "harmless" by one Vatican reviewer.

The Scottish actor, 38, admits he's not religious but says he wouldn't have put his name to an 'anti-Catholic' film.

"I don't think it attacks the Church. It's a far-fetched story set in the world of the Vatican, which is an interesting world."

The camerlengo he plays has been brought up in the church, adopted by the late pope, and has to make difficult choices to uphold his faith.

In McGregor's words, he's "extreme in terms

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of what he does, but he's doing it to save his church".

The experience was an interesting and educational one for the actor.

"I wasn't brought up with any religion, so all the ceremony, the funeral and some of the ritual stuff we did was new to me," he said.

"We had a priest on set to help us with that and make sure we were accurate."

When he's not away filming, Ewan is very much the family man, splitting his time between homes in Los Angeles and London.

In 1995, he married Eve Mavrakis, a French production designer, and the couple have two daughters, Clara, 13, and Esther, seven.

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BY LESLEY RICHARDSON

AFTER one capsized too many, Spliff, our lazy-eyed Antiguan sailing instructor, decided to call it a day.

It wasn't the capsizing or the getting wet that abruptly ended our class, it was the array of minor injuries we'd all accumulated.

A bloodied head, bruised thigh and the black needles of at least three sea urchins speared into one trainee's bare feet before Spliff – real name Cliff – took us in with a polite “thank you for your cooperation”.

Lesson one: bring waterproof shoes to a Sunsail holiday.

Spliff was teaching us to tack a Topaz dinghy as part of the Royal Yachting

# Get onboard with Club Javelin

Association beginners' course on Turkey's delightful Bodrum peninsula with his legendary mantra of doing everything in a relaxing manner, nice and “smooth”.

It was plain sailing while aboard the training dinghy, safely on the beach and going nowhere.

Out on the water, it was a different story trying to balance with the winds flapping against the sail, avoiding a head thwack from the boom and trying not to crash into other hapless craft in the training bay.

Out in Camel Bay, the conditions are ideal for the experienced skipper – in fact, Club Javelin's motto is “designed by sailors as a club for sailors”.

It's obviously a concept which appeals to all age groups. Early in the morning, the lighter winds in the sheltered training bay are ideal for beginner sailors and windsurfers.

The children's clubs – for all ages – also take to the water to learn or develop watersports skills.

Luckily the club has £40,000 worth of safety boats on patrol ready to give any hapless sailor drifting out to sea a lift back ashore.

Club Javelin also offers thrill-seekers the chance to waterski, wakeboard and ride in an inflatable Ringo, all at extra price.

And after an active day in the sun, the only remedy for a tired and salty sailor is to crash

out on the soft cushions of the jetty bar with a cool beer or two.

Parents don't have to feel guilty about abandoning their little ones for the entire day, and evening, too. They are likely to have had far too much fun to spare a thought for the oldies – trying out all kinds of watersports, landsports such as cycling or tennis, or arts and crafts.

Club Javelin recently had a £3 million facelift, with a completely new development built from the existing hotel.

And for those with cabin fever, Bodrum is a bus-ride away with its bustling markets, cafés and harbourside restaurants.

## FACT FILE: TURKEY



Time difference	+2 hours (GMT)
Capital	Ankara
Language	Turkish
Population	72 million
Currency	£1 = 2.4 NT Lira
Religion	Muslim/secular
Climate	Mediterranean

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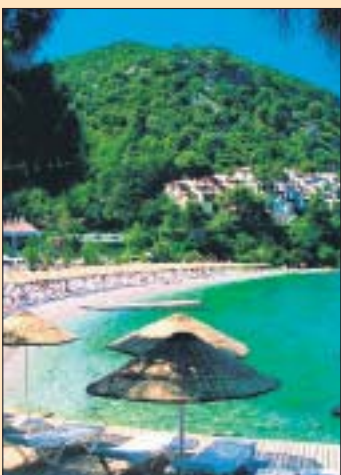
Lesley Richardson was a guest of Sunsail, which offers seven-night all-inclusive holidays in Club Javelin on the Bodrum peninsula from £789.

It includes return flights ex-Gatwick, free daily sailing clinics on the beach, free RYA 'Start Sailing' courses, use of all sailing and watersports equipment and one-hour return transfers from Bodrum.

There is an extra charge for additional RYA sailing lessons, spa treatments, waterskiing and wakeboarding.

Including direct flights from Manchester, the price rises to £824, and from Glasgow £849. Other regional departures may be available.

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## THANET SHOPPING

### Libby Sarjeant's on the case in Cookman novel

KENT crime writer Lesley Cookman has published the fifth in her Libby Sarjeant series of novels.

Murder In Bloom sees the middle-aged actress digging the dirt when her son discovers a body buried in a TV star's garden.

Cookman became the victim of crime earlier this year when a burglar broke into her Whitstable home and stole her laptop.

Luckily, she completed the novel using back-up files. Murder In Bloom is published by Accent Press and priced at £6.99.

### Sir Attenborough and aliens, all at Bluewater

TWO exciting authors will be signing copies of their new books at Waterstone's at Bluewater soon.

Claire Freedman, writer of the award-winning children's picture book Aliens Love Underpants, will be signing copies of Aliens in Underpants Save The World at the store on Saturday at 2pm.

Sir David Attenborough pays a visit at 12.30pm on Thursday, June 4, to promote his updated autobiography, Life on Air.

For more details call 01322 624831.

### National Trust plants seed of interest for kids

CHILDREN are being encouraged to grow their own vegetables as part of the National Trust's new campaign, Food Glorious Food.

The trust will give away more than 170 million free seeds at events taking place at its properties from this week.

Both adults and children can get more advice about growing their own food on the new interactive website [www.food-gloriousfood.org.uk](http://www.food-gloriousfood.org.uk), where details of local events can also be found.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

### STAR TREK Sci-Fi, 5pm, week nights

WITH the fantastic Star Trek reboot still playing in cinemas, it's worth revisiting the original series to see where it all started and appreciate why it became such a phenomenon.

If you haven't seen those original 79 episodes before, then I urge you to do so because they are stone-cold classics – and don't let anyone tell you different.

While I was, of course, aware of the series, it was only a couple of years ago I looked in on these properly when BBC Two started to show back-to-back episodes late on Friday nights.

I was mightily surprised at just how groundbreaking, charming and entertaining they really were.

Geek heaven the Sci-Fi channel is probably your best bet to indulge yourself as it seems to stick these on given any opportunity, with the release of the new movie an obvious time to wheel out these episodes once more.

It's hard to put your phaser on just what exactly makes them work so well, but for me, despite some of the ridiculous costumes and odd hammy moment, there is a real warmth and conviction here.

It manages to have a soul, and that is something that often gets lost in other science fiction offerings.

I've never really got into the numerous spin-offs such as Voyager and Deep Space Nine, while what I've seen of the Next Generation seems dull and lifeless in comparison.

The whole phenomenon started to take itself too seriously and became the realm of those obsessives who learn Klingon and make their own Starfleet uniforms.

Here, however, there's a certain humanity and onus on friendship and



**TRAIL-BLAZERS:** The original Star Trek was among the most iconic TV shows ever made

hope which is pulled off without ever being overtly mawkish or saccharine.

There is also a genuine chemistry between the cast and the characters never feel flimsy.

The stories are great fun – be they set on another planet full of interplanetary babes or back on Earth in a parallel dimension – and set conventions still followed today.

The originals must be among the most iconic TV shows ever made and stand the test of time.

Those well known catchphrases come at every turn, while William Shatner's bizarre delivery of his lines never fails to raise a smile.

The original series is probably the most iconic show of all time, so any self-respecting telly addict needs to tune in at least once.

As Spock would say: "It's the only logical choice, Captain."

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)  
**FINANCIAL** restrictions may force you to scale back holiday plans. This is a real disappointment, but try not to dwell on it. There is a lot to salvage from this situation and you don't need a lot of cash to enjoy yourself. The more upbeat you are, the more luck you will attract.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)  
**A NEW** source of income will have some strings attached. You won't have the level of creative freedom you had in the past. This is really difficult for someone like you, but you have to admit you need the cash. Happily, you will be able to work on your own projects after hours.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753

**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)  
**YOU'RE** not sure what to make of some new acquaintances. The difference in your incomes may be hard to overlook. Still, it might be wise to set aside your prejudices. The longer you know these people, the more you'll realise your preconceptions were ridiculous.  
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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)  
**YOU** may want a more exciting love life, but the opportunity may not be there. Maybe you can't find the right partner. If you're in a relationship, your mate may be reluctant to explore unknown territory. Whatever the situation, you need to prepare for a disappointment.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759

**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)  
**YOUR** home life could be undermined by a new relationship. It seems as though your family doesn't approve of someone who is dear to your heart. In situations like these, you need to make a choice. Trying to have a foot in both camps will just make everyone miserable.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763

**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 21)  
**IF** you're eager to assert your independence, you need to make some changes. Moving into your own place and assuming adult responsibilities are part of the equation. Although it's hard to relinquish some of your creature comforts you'll be glad you took the plunge.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754

**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)  
**A CAREER** opportunity may force you to put in very long hours at the office. Although you're not thrilled at the prospect of having your social life curtailed you can't turn away this position. Paying your dues now will yield significant rewards in the near future.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)  
**PEOPLE** may not approve of a business or romantic association, but it's really none of their business. Happily, you've got too much sense to heed public opinion. This may not be the case with your partner, though. It's up to you to assuage their fears.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760

**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)  
**IF** you want to make a good impression you need to lighten up. Although your dedication to your job is admirable, it's also a warning bell to anyone who might be romantically inclined toward you. Nobody wants to get involved with a workaholic. Draw on your hidden reserves.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752

**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)  
**DISTURBING** memories could stop you from being honest with a colleague. This is not a good week to accept a job or negotiate a contract. Wait until next month to commit or you could feel pressured into accepting terms that will make you miserable.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)  
**UNFORESEEN** problems could block your progress. It may be necessary to drop an ambitious plan or take a menial job. Try not to let this undermine close relationships. Sure, someone could make an insensitive remark. When that happens, voice your displeasure and move on.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)  
**A NEW** job will force you to learn some advanced skills. It won't be easy to master these lessons. In fact, it may take years for you to become an expert. Still, your hard work and diligence will pay off. If you're trying to lose weight, don't beat yourself up if you fall off the wagon.  
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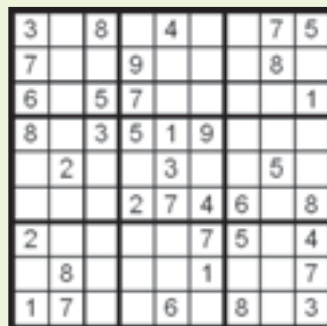
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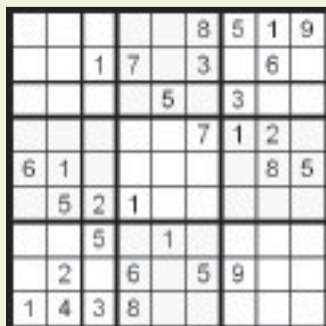
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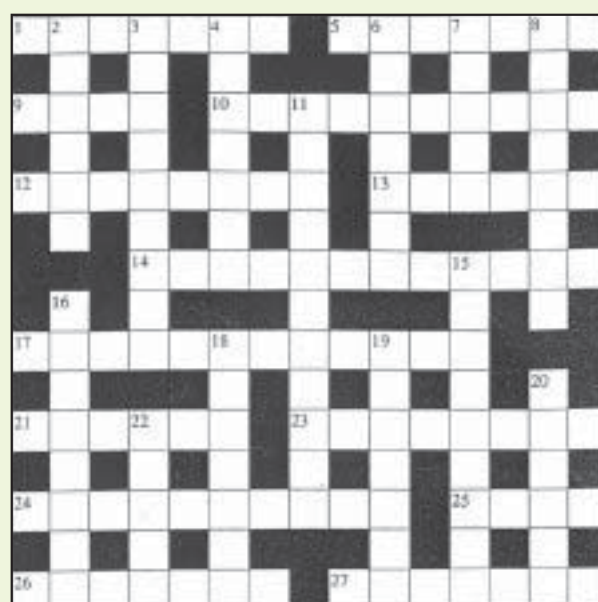
#### ACROSS

- 1 Mineral Ronald takes round in anger (4,3)  
5 Evasive action taken before a deal is made (7)  
9 Admit it is part of a vowel (4)  
10 Made to include square construction in disguise (10)  
12 Toiling over inclusion of a design that has been engraved (8)  
13 The doctrine of belief in one God (6)  
14 Through which one is unwavering in devotion to a party (5-3-4)  
17 Feeling one's suffering (12)  
21 Unusual task for casual worker (3-3)  
23 High-ranking officials in the band? (3-5)  
24 Different status seen using mental sharpness (10)  
25 One foot included by Liam. Both? (4)  
26 Devils clutching leading revolutionary allies (7)  
27 City key worn out (3,4)

#### DOWN

- 2 Called about six who were talking wildly (6)  
3 Modern fortress on Tyneside (9)  
4 Balmier sort of earth used for embankment (7)  
6 No shout emanating from Texan city (7)  
7 Plant first, say (5)  
8 Peeress's joint title (8)  
11 Totis necktie, knitted fabric (11)  
15 Beastly flower? (5-4)  
16 Love to have eleven bumpy rides with chemical agent (8)  
18 Generate within using available strain (7)  
19 I'm past my best as a result of the deadlock (7)  
20 In alumni, some resistance to atomic nucleus (6)  
22 First person in France trapped Lou struggling with little energy (5)

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Couple (7)  
5 Opposed (7)  
9 Constant change (4)  
10 Supervisor (10)  
12 In unison (8)  
13 Madness (6)  
14 NE US state (3,9)  
17 Secure an easy victory (3,5,4)  
21 Glowing (6)  
23 Elementary particle (8)  
24 Wound up a company (10)  
25 Require (4)  
26 Accuse of treason (7)  
27 French composer (7)

#### DOWN

- 2 Have a mudbath (6)  
3 Half of an eighth (9)  
4 Gospel writer (7)  
6 Pinafore dress (7)  
7 Norwegian dramatist (5)  
8 Secondar (anag.) (8)  
11 Computer program (11)  
15 Small drying cloth (9)  
16 Patriotism (8)  
18 Roaming (7)  
19 In arrears (7)  
20 Island in West Pacific (6)  
22 Ooze (5)

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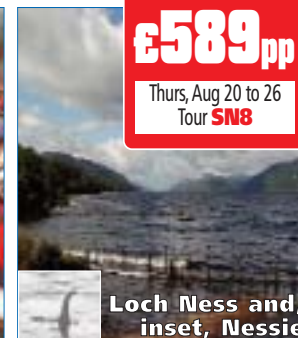
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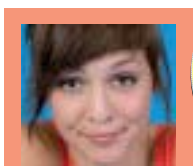
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Blue eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

### ME AND YOU

Medium-built girl, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeking honest guy who looks after number one, for lasting relationship. Box 451834

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Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 448756

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### CUDDLY FEMALE

32, 5ft9, brown hair, curly figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh and WLTW nice, kind gent. Box 439402

### FIT FOR FUN

Petite, dark-haired girl, 33, 5ft, fit, loves badminton, cinema and more, searching for an active man, with heart and soul. Box 881047

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### UNDERSTAND ME

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### GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes, I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTW honest, reliable man. Box 451311

### PERHAPS PERHAPS

Fun, bubbly, outgoing blonde, late 30s, down-to-earth, with GSOH, searching for tall, genuine fella, for fun, friendship and more? Box 451385

### WISHFULLY YOURS

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## HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

## LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

## MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053

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ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED! Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724

JOINED AT THE HIP Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434

FOR A RELATIONSHIP? Shy but confident-one-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTW a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

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## FANCY A DRINK?

Hi I'm Judith, 40, small, blonde hair, blue eyes, love the sea and water-sports, cinema, animals; WLTW fun-loving guy for friendship and see what happens. Box 448107

## NO TIES

Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573

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## CHARM ME

Tall, blonde Russian girl, 42, from St Leonards, searching for single and sincere man, for friendship and more. Box 451019

## ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444736

## PROFESSIONAL

Fun bubbly sexy black female, 42, outgoing, positive, fun-loving, seeks charming male to have fun and enjoy life with. Box 451744

## ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, WLTW mixed race/black girl, to share good times with. Box 451819

## ALONG THE SHORE

Recently divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, fun-loving, likes life, looking for a really nice and trustworthy guy for a relationship. Hastings Box 451468

A WARM HEART AND GSOH Lovely bubbly mum, 43, 5ft6, green eyes, dark hair, medium build, loves salsa dancing, new things, bowling, quiet nights in...looking for companionship and more. Box 880090

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COULD IT BE YOU? Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 883900

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LOVING IT LARGE Spiritual 44yr old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach, WLTW a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 444803

FRIENDSHIP FIRST Understanding, caring female, 45, 5ft4, medium build, brown hair, likes cinema, animals, music, romantic pubs, seeking male for cuddles, hugs and more. Box 444873

BUBBLY Brunette, 45, 5ft3, blue eyes, size 18, likes socialising and nights in, looking for a nice, honest and caring gent to share good times with. Box 447642

FANCY A FILM? Hi, I'm Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slimish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! Heathfield. Box 448626

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

SOUND GOOD? Hi I'm Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186

HAPPY TIMES 46yr old brunette, 5ft1, young-at-heart, likes clubbing, pubbing and spending time with my family, looking for a nice man to fall in love again with. Box 452122

ARE YOU LOVING & CARING? Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company Box 446899

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE? Hi I'm Mandy, chocolate brown hair, blue eyes, 48, seeking human male (preferably) for nights out, socialising, clubbing, meals, lots of laughs and much more. Box 437489

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Women seeking women

IT'S WHAT THAT COUNTS I'm a 26yr old female, looking for new friends and maybe that special girl...let's have a meal and a drink and see what happens! Box 448722

ANY OFFERS? Curvy female, 26, 5ft9, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in, WLTW an honest, sincere and feminine female for a possible relationship. Box 452108

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DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS? Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863

TAKE MY BREATH AWAY Young at heart lady, 56, enjoys travel, holiday, swimming, sports, days in/out, seeks solvent, attractive gent of similar age, Folkestone Box 451388

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS! Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448765

PISCES OR CAPRICORN? Star-struck lady, 59, 5ft3, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes swimming, holidays, the sea; WLTW tall man with good heart for love. Box 448240

HAPPY AS ME Fun-to-be-with, happy, contented lady, 60, 5ft4, I enjoy theatre, dining out and having friends round for a meal, gardening and pets. Box 882812

CUDDLES AND SNUGGLES Hi I'm Sue, 60, 5ft3, affectionate tactile lady looking for a tall, warm, loving man to make my life complete and share happy times together. Box 879633

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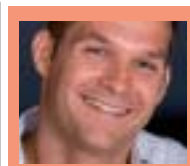
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DO YOU FEEL THE SAME? Hi ya, I'm Ian, 40, 5ft10, medium build, likes a quiet life style, looking for someone who can love/accept me for who I am. Box 450283

HIYA I'm a cute and laid-back guy, 41, 5ft8, short hair, athletic, very tactile, loving and spontaneous, likes shopping, travelling, eating in/out, hate football! Brighton. Box 450614

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750



## MEN seeking women

### WHO KNOWS WHERE IT GOES?

26 year old male, enjoys music, sport, socialising, family & friends time, seeking female 18-41 from Kent for a few dates, perhaps more. Box 449355

### ATTRACTIVE FELLA

Tall, dark and handsome chap, 33yrs old. I'm looking for a lively, attractive woman, 21-47, to get to know. Give me a call! Box 451885

### BOTTLE OF WINE

Hi there, I'm an easysgoing male, 35, 5ft9, medium build, brown hair. I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

### GET ME OUTTA HERE!

Loyal, trustworthy, honest family man, 37, independent, stocky, 5ft6, non-smoker, VGSOH, thoughtful, aware of others people's feelings, with morals/standards. Aquisan. Box 448803

### EVERYTHING I DO

Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTW a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720

### TO SHARE LIFE WITH

Passionate gardener, 38, 5ft9, medium-blue eyes, average-stocky build, curly mousey brown hair, likes tennis and music, being sociable! Seeking nice passionate genuine lady. Box 451992

### HONESTY IS KEY

Honest gent, 39, 5ft11, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, like country pubs and clubs, restaurants, dining out, cosy nights in! Seeking similar down-to-earth lady. Box 452101

### TRUSTWORTHY

Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build, I work in residential care which I love, I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437

### FULL MARKS

Hi I'm Andrew, 38, 6ft3, dark hair, blue eyes, hardworking guy, friendly, tactile & outgoing, likes enjoying life, WLTW easysgoing female for friendship/relationship. Box 443488

### OH MY LOVE

Honest girl, 40, slim, non smoker, likes sports, socialising, films, music and more, seeks slim-medium female 25-40 with similar interests. Box 452053

### CATCH OF THE DAY

Divorced male, 47, interests: fishing, cinema, sport, long walks, countryside, eating out/romantic dinners. I'm looking for someone special, to cuddle up with. Box 451878

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Repossession gloom lifted by Q1 figures

REPOSSESSION predictions for 2009, which were forecast at 75,000, were "pessimistic" according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML).

The CML had predicted the number for the year as a whole, but has now said the forecast is not as gloomy as at first thought, after analysing repossession figures for quarter one.

There were 12,800 repossessions by first-charge mortgage lenders, including buy-to-let, compared with 8,500 for the same quarter last year.

Although the number of repossessions was rising, the CML was optimistic its first forecast for the year had been too negative and will be revising the figure in its next housing market forecast.

Director general Michael Coogan said: "Despite technical issues this quarter affecting our ability to compare arrears and possession rates with earlier periods, it is clear mortgage arrears continued to increase.

"So did repossessions, but not as much as our 75,000 forecast figure for the year would suggest.

"So our forecast now looks pessimistic and we expect to revise it over the next month or so.

"Lenders are acutely conscious that behind the statistics are real people, many of whom are affected by the economic downturn and its impact on jobs, changes in circumstances and inability to refinance."

### 'Reluctant landlords' numbered in millions

FIVE million homeowners across the UK have considered renting out their home or rooms to survive the economic downturn.

Research from Unbiased.co.uk found many have considered becoming 'reluctant landlords', with younger home-owners hit hardest by the recession.

A third of those considering becoming landlords are debating whether to rent their property because they cannot sell it without making a loss.

Richard Winder, of Unbiased.co.uk, said: "The boom years created a wave of have-a-go landlords attracted by the promise of rising property prices and cheap buy-to-let finance.

"Now we're seeing a new wave who may end up reluctant landlords because they need more money and don't want to sell up in the current market."



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ON THE MOVE: More homes were sold in April than at any time since October 2007, and 100,000 properties came onto the market in the same month

BY NICK AMES

ESTATE agents sold more homes in April than in any other month since October 2007, according to new figures.

Statistics released by the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA) revealed the average estate agent sold 10 properties last month.

This was up from just eight per agent in March, and doubling from the low of five seen in August 2008.

Figures from analysts Globrix also highlight a possible reason for the increase in sales. They found sellers were returning to the market, with 100,000 new properties advertised in April.

The figures will provide a boost to the market and offer further evidence that while recovery might not be just around the corner, the prospects are looking healthier than for many months.

Peter Bolton King, chief executive of the NAEA, said: "What we are beginning to see now are consistent positive indicators that have held firm or improved since the beginning of the year.

"Six months ago people were talking about how Britons' attitude to owning property had changed in the recession.

"The NAEA always said this was nonsense, and that demand for property remained strong, but confidence in the market had gone.

"These figures show confidence is returning."

But market analysts said the figures needed to be treated with caution and warned there could still be hard times ahead.

A rise in interest rates could cause the market to dip once again.

Daniel Lee, chief executive of Globrix, said: "It would be foolhardy to start believing we're at the bottom simply because buy-

# Signs of hope as buyers return

ers and sellers are returning to the market.

"There are still likely to be rough waters ahead given the economic climate, particularly if interest rates start to rise.

"There is no doubt that this increase in buyer activity has had a knock-on effect with

sellers, many of whom had taken their properties off the market because they were resigned to the fact that there was little hope of finding a buyer.

"Now that sellers believe buyers are out there, they are returning in droves."

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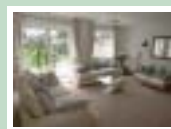
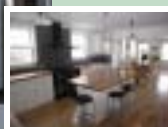
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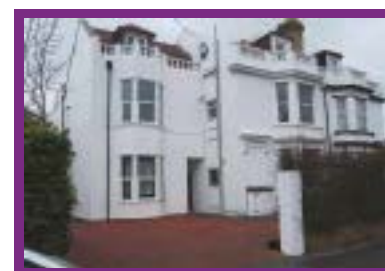
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They met with Haynes' MD Andrew Haynes and operations director Peter Wright, who reported sales ahead of expectations, helped by the new Fiesta and Ka small cars and inquiries about the Government's 'new for old' scrappage scheme for 10-year-old vehicles.



### Impressive first drives in transformed Mazda

FIRST drives of the new Mazda3 reveal a lighter, brighter transformation of the previous car.

More stylish and muscular with a smarter cabin and even better handling than before, it seems no accident that it wears a big wide grin on the front.

There are two new 2.2-litre sporting diesels offered: the lively 150PS (148bhp) impressed, so the 185PS will be a flier. The 109PS (107bhp) 1.6-litre 'cooking' diesel will sell more though, but can be gruff under pressure. **SL**



### Council planner comes up trumps with MiTo

DELIGHTED Samantha Beatty is pictured with keys to a sporty new Alfa MiTo after winning a prize draw at Lipscomb of Aylesford, Maidstone.

Samantha, 30, from Rainham, qualified for the draw after test-driving the supermini with sister Holly. She has won six months' use of a 1.4-litre 155bhp Lusso model.

The council planning research officer said: "It was such a nice surprise to get the phone call telling me I had won. I have absolutely loved driving it around."



**LONGER-LASTING:** Peugeot has aimed for MPV-style seating flexibility, and the 308SW can be bought with seven seats – all five rear seats can be folded flat individually

# Peugeot's 308 steering clear of the MPV sector

NOT being a huge MPV fan, I like Peugeot's pragmatic though rather un-Gallic approach to this sector.

Instead of tooling up for stand alone people carrier models – though its Citroën stablemate has done the opposite with the Picasso MPV sub-brand – Peugeot has dosed standard car models with steroids.

These pumped up station wagon or SWs have, therefore, retained car-like characteristics rather than taking on the lumbering gait of most MPVs, while gaining more room than a stretched standard hatchback.

The ploy is not perfect, of course: you don't get the elevated driving position or headroom of an MPV, but you avoid that 'stuck in the crow's nest during a gale' feeling on the bends.

Peugeot has aimed for MPV-style seating flexibility too and the 308SW (from £16,145) tested here, can be bought with seven seats – not bad for a Ford Focus class contender.

All five rear seats fold flat individually or may be removed for various passenger/load permutations and the front passenger seat folds for particularly long loads.

The two rear-most seats are a struggle to

## ROAD TEST PEUGEOT 308SW

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

access though and adults would find that their knees gain a higher viewing point, but we are talking 'occasional' use here – anyone needing seven seats regularly should shop for a proper MPV.

And if you are not in row three, the 308SW is a nice place to be: the cabin is really classy and glassy and airiness is enhanced on upmarket models by a massive glass roof with an electric blind – you feel like you are flying a light aircraft.

But you remain grounded because the 308's Achilles heel is a chassis largely carried over from its 307 predecessor, making the 308 unsettled at times.

It leans on bends a little too, despite being more low slung than an MPV – but this car might have to cater for seven bodies or a crammed cargo area.

The 110PS (109bhp) 1.6-litre turbodiesel of the test car – a £20,795 SE flagship – is the best 308 engine I've driven, delivering reasonable power (0-60mph in 12.5 seconds), excellent refinement and averaging 50+mpg, but if you plan to use the SW's load-carrying prowess to the max then check out the more powerful petrol and diesel options available.



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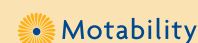
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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### FAMILY ESTATES

VAUXHALL'S stylish new Insignia Sports Tourer is a far cry from its rather more utilitarian predecessor, the final Vectra Estate. But there is a recession on and the capacious Vectra 'holdall' is a bargain alternative for big families hunting an MPV. Estates have also cast off their old 'tradesman' tag in recent years and now revel in a more upmarket 'lifestyle' image, yet our three candidates are still serious load luggers – even the baby, the Nissan Primera, accepts 1,700 litres of luggage – and they are available with good diesel powertrains.

#### VAUXHALL VECTRA ESTATE



NO contemporary mainstream estate model could match the big Vauxhall for capacity. The boot carries 530 litres, but folding the rear seats boosts load capacity to 1,850 litres – a sharp contrast to the wimpy Vectra estate that preceded it. This is also a purposeful-looking load lugger that feels well-built and drives well. Unfortunately, smaller engines make hard work of it when the Vectra is loaded to capacity, so go for the bigger petrol units or excellent CDTi turbodiesels instead.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### NISSAN PRIMERA ESTATE



ADDING an estate car rear to the standard hatchback toned down the futuristic styling of the final Primera – some might say, for the better – and created one of the nicest yet underrated estates on the market. You get a sharp handling, spacious and reliable load lugger that comes with plenty of standard kit; buy the refined and economical turbodiesel and you will have been really smart, though the slippery Primera lines make all versions refined and economical for their class.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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#### HONDA ACCORD TOURER



HONDA'S well-built and specified Accord range is always knocking at the door of an 'exclusive' club created by the big three German executive marques. The previous spacious and able estate or Tourer version added further weight, since big swanky estates are what Audi, BMW and Mercedes do so well. The Accord offers 626 litres of space in 'normal' mode and 1,707 litres with seats folded. The line-up's 2.2 CDTi turbo diesel is also one of the smoothest and sportiest around.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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## CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

## Kent League Division One

Tenterden CC 1st XI v  
Sandwich Town CC 1st XI

SANDWICH are still looking for their first win of the season after dramatically losing to Tenterden, who snatched a three-wicket victory off the penultimate ball of the match.

The visitors made good use of winning the toss, posting a more than respectable 246 for 5 from their 50 over allocation.

Openers Craig Snell (22) and David Scoggins (32) got Sandwich off to a decent start, before a stand of 134 for the third wicket between Robert Goatham and Vishaul Singh.

The latter finished with 74, hitting 11 boundaries in the process.

Tenterden were required to score at almost five runs an over but set about their task well, putting 52 on the board before Craig Spanton made a breakthrough.

Christopher Vernon's innings at number three proved decisive as he hit 122 not out, a knock which included four sixes. He provided the spine which helped offset the loss of a succession of batsmen as Spanton and Michael Williams claimed three scalps each.

It set up a tense finale with any result still possible going into the final over. Typically Vernon had the final word, hitting a boundary to seal victory with one ball to spare, inflicting a third successive defeat on Sandwich.

# Town still seeking win after nailbiting finale



TENSE: Sandwich Town lost in a gripping finish on Saturday as Tenterden clinched victory after hitting a boundary with just one ball to spare

## SCOREBOARD

## Sandwich

	Runs
Craig Snell ct Curteis b Daking	22
David Scoggins ct Griffin b Bessant	32
Robert Goatham b Curteis	60
Vishaul Singh st Price b Curteis	74
Michael Williams not out	8
James Bolt not out	11
Cavin Lawrence did not bat	
Matthew van Poppel did not bat	
Craig Spanton did not bat	
James Rand did not bat	
Moshin Raza did not bat	

Extras	25
Total (5 wickets, 50 overs)	246

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Ben Daking	10	1	39	1
Tyler Griffin	4	0	22	0
Simon Bessant	15	1	61	1
Timir Chanda	13	3	63	0
Tim Curteis	8	0	54	3

## Tenterden

	Runs
Daniel McDonald lbw Spanton	45
Andrew Crawford lbw Goatham	37
Christopher Vernon not out	122
Paul Brann b Williams	18
Timir Chanda ct Lawrence b Williams	3
Robert Featherstone b Spanton	3
Ben Price b Spanton	5
Tyler Griffin ct Lawrence b Williams	11
Tim Curteis not out	1
Ben Daking did not bat	
Simon Bessant did not bat	

Extras	5
Total (5 wickets, 49.5 overs)	250

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	15	0	79	3
Jack Bradley	4	1	23	0
Matthew van Poppel	11	2	34	0
Robert Goatham	8	1	33	1
Craig Snell	5	0	31	0
Michael Williams	6.5	0	48	3

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT CRICKET FEEDER LEAGUE 1A  
Pembury 1st XI v Westgate-on-Sea 1st XI

WESTGATE-on-Sea held their nerve to complete a last-gasp three-wicket victory against Pembury.

The home side posted a competitive 222 before they were dismissed, with Andrew Dawes (90) and Neil Hemstall scoring the bulk of their runs.

A strong middle order was critical for Westgate's reply, with Alan Winch notching a half-century as the visitors closed in on victory. It came off the final ball of the game for their second win of the season.

## Pembury

		Runs
<b>Robert Eaton</b>	b Mickle	15
<b>Alan Moxon</b>	b Heathcote	8
<b>Richard Bidder</b>	ct Heathcote b Andrews	10
<b>Andrew Dawes</b>	b Wood	90
<b>Luke Hattle</b>	b Andrews	8
<b>Neil Hemstall</b>	ct Mickle b Heathcote	49
<b>Matthew Rice-Tucker</b>	b Wood	1
<b>Mark Parsons</b>	ct Sandwell b Heathcote	5
<b>Gary Knight</b>	ct Holter b Wood	0
<b>Paul Kelly</b>	not out	8
<b>Dinesh Patel</b>	ct Sandwell b Mickle	10

Extras	(2b 4lb 6w 6nb)	18
Total	(all out, 45 overs)	222

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Jason Mickle	12	2	39	2
Ross Heathcote	12	1	48	3
Brian Andrews	8	0	43	2
Antony Holter	5	1	30	0
Steve Wood	6	0	36	3
Alan Winch	2	0	20	0

## Westgate-on-Sea

		Runs
Nick Sandwell	ct Hemstall b Patel	18
Lewis Winch	run out	11
Steve Wood	lbw b Kelly	45
Alan Winch	b Patel	52
Neil Watford	ct Patel b Hemstall	27
Keith Sandwell	not out	22
Ian Mackenzie	ct Hemstall b Kelly	10
Brian Andrews	ct Eaton b Kelly	17
Jason Mickle	not out	8
Antony Holter	did not bat	
Ross Heathcote	did not bat	

Extras	(6b 1lb 9w)	16
Total	(7 wickets, 47 overs)	226

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Neil Hemstall	12	3	57	1
Richard Bidder	9	3	24	0
Dinesh Patel	12	2	63	2
Gary Knight	5	1	25	0
Paul Kelly	9	0	56	3

KENT CRICKET FEEDER LEAGUE 1D  
Belnor 1st XI v Old Hartsdonians 1st XI

A BLISTERING knock from Dave Wheeler helped Old Hartsdonians to a seven-wicket victory which took them level at the top of the table.

The opening batsman smashed 91 from just 66 balls and was only denied a thoroughly deserved century by his side reaching the victory target.

Earlier, Tim Aylett hit 92 at a slightly more leisurely pace – 107 balls – but received precious little support as the home side were bowled out for 154.

## Belnor

		Runs
Giles Temblett	.....ct Couzins b Smith	11
Tim Donnellan	.....ct Wheeler b Williams	9
James Steers	.....b Smith	1
Tim Aylett	.....ct sub b Strike	92
Russell Temblett	.....ct Smith b Wheeler	0
Nathan Glazier	.....ct Williams b Wheeler	0
Michael Neame	.....b Wheeler	0
Chris Cockell	.....b Wheeler	0
Dave Burgin	.....ct Williams b Wheeler	11
Shaun Edwards	.....lbw b Williams	1
Wayne Temblett	.....not out	0

Extras	(4b 5lb 20w)	29
Total	(all out, 41.1 overs)	154

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Matt Williams	8	0	30	2
Jarrett Smith	5	0	7	1
Aston Smith	9	4	13	1
Martin Mackie	4	0	19	0
Dave Wheeler	9	0	56	5
Bob Strike	6.1	0	20	1

## Old Hartsdonians

		Runs
Dave Wheeler	not out	91
Gary Wright	ct Aylett b Neame	1
Andy West	ct Cockell b Neame	15
Matt Williams	ct Temblett b Burgin	16
Aston Smith	not out	16
Bob Strike	did not bat	
Martin Mackie	did not bat	
Josh Smith	did not bat	
Darren Couzins	did not bat	
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Jarrett Smith	did not bat	

Extras	(6b 2lb 10w)	18
Total	(3 wickets, 21.3 overs)	157

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Michael Neame	5	0	31	2
Shaun Edwards	4	0	25	0
Dave Burgin	5	0	36	1
Wayne Temblett	2	0	15	0
Giles Temblett	3	0	19	0
Chris Cockell	2.3	0	23	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO  
HSBC 1st XI v Broadstairs 1st XI

A DEVASTATING spell of 6 for 42 from Alan Slater helped HSBC edge past Broadstairs by just three runs at the weekend.

After bowling the home side out for just 146, thanks to Bradley Ellison's 4 for 20 and Liam Narraway's 2 for 27, Broadstairs would have been favourites to win the game.

However, they hadn't banked on Slater's spell as he ripped out the middle order and the tail end. Michael Ross had hit 50 for the Thanet side but it wasn't enough.

## HSBC

	Runs
<b>Michael Roberts</b>	b Narraway 7
<b>Jack Harris</b>	lbw b Narraway 8
<b>Stuart Bate</b>	ct Brennan b Ellison 5
<b>Alan Slater</b>	ct Narraway b Ellison 11
<b>Jack Potter</b>	b Ellison 7
<b>Richard Slater</b>	b Ellison 9
<b>Sam Perks</b>	ct Bond b Marshall 19
<b>Sam Pope</b>	lbw b Kidd 40
<b>Cole Glenister</b>	b Marshall 0
<b>Nicholas Wheddon</b>	not out 24
<b>Liam Jensen</b>	run out 6

Extras	(2b 6lb 2w)	10
Total	(all out, 49.1 overs)	146

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Liam Narraway	10	2	27	2
Bradley Ellison	15	4	40	4
Chris Kidd	15	6	26	1
Andrew Marshall	9.1	1	45	2

## Broadstairs

David Cooper	b Bate	5
Terry Bond	lbw b Bate	0
Michael Ross	ct Bate b Wheddon	50
Scott Narraway	ct Pope b Jensen	12
James Bond	lbw b Slater	5
Neil Brennan	b Slater	4
Linton Denning	b Slater	24
Bradley Ellison	ct Potter b Slater	22
Andrew Marshall	lbw b Slater	5
Chris Kidd	not out	6
Liam Narraway	b Slater	1

Extras	(3b 1lb 4w 1nb)	9
Total	(all out, 44.4 overs)	143

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Stuart Bate	10	0	25	2
Liam Jensen	11	4	20	1
Alan Slater	12.4	1	42	6
Sam Pope	4	0	25	0
Nicholas Wheddon	7	1	27	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 1E  
St Margaret's 1st XI v Hythe Green 1st XI

A MAJESTIC century from Paul Jamieson set St Margaret's on their way to a huge 127-run win against Hythe Green.

Jamieson hit 120 in a big opening partnership with Scott Blackman (89) to help the home side to a competitive total of 274 for 4 from 46 overs.

It was then left to Ashley Birchenough to come on second change and he blasted through the Hythe Green batting line-up, claiming superb figures of 7 for 32 to bowl his side to victory with almost ten overs to spare.

## St Margaret's

		Runs
<b>Paul Jamieson</b>	.b M Smith	<b>120</b>
<b>Scott Blackman</b>	.ct Roseb A Smith	<b>89</b>
<b>Lloyd King</b>	.ct M Smith b A Smith	<b>1</b>
<b>Ritchie Hulks</b>	.not out	<b>15</b>
<b>Vince Bates</b>	.b A Smith	<b>0</b>
<b>Vikram Chaudhuri</b>	.not out	<b>21</b>
<b>Ashley Birchenough</b>	.did not bat	
<b>Aaron Powell</b>	.did not bat	
<b>Daniel Kennett</b>	.did not bat	
<b>Steve Blackman</b>	.did not bat	
<b>Matty Towers</b>	.did not bat	

Extras	(8b 1lb 17w 2nb)	28
Total	(4 wickets, 46 overs)	274

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Alan Smith	12	0	65	3
Martin Smith	12	2	47	1
John Smith	8	0	52	0
James Whybrow	6	0	34	0
Simon Rose	5	0	33	0
Luke Finnegan-Hutchinson	3	0	14	0
James Rose	1	0	17	0

## Hythe Green

	Runs
Simon Rose	b Hulks 1
Stephen Little	b Birchenough 44
Martin Whybrow	b Birchenough 50
Steve Cave	b Birchenough 6
Owen Brown	ct Kennett b Birchenough 2
James Rose	ct Kennett b Birchenough 0
James Whybrow	b Towers 0
Luke Finnegan-Hutchinson	ct Bates b Towers 7
Alan Smith	ct Hulks b Birchenough 3
Martin Smith	b Birchenough 0
John Smith	not out 1

Extras	(2b 4lb 19w 8nb)	33
Total	(all out, 36.3 overs)	147

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Ritchie Hulks	8	1	22	1
Daniel Kennett	6	1	15	0
Steve Blackman	6	0	32	0
Matty Towers	10.3	0	39	2
Ashley Birchenough	6	0	32	7



Picture: IGOR KUPCO



ON YOUR BIKE: Andy Hadden is taking a charity cycle ride

## Friendlies to gear Rams up for Ryman One campaign

RAMSGATE have announced their pre-season programme, with games home and away against Margate the highlight.

Just over two months after the end of the season, Jim Ward's squad return to the dreaded pre-season training on June 30.

They will have almost three weeks to get in shape before their first friendly, away to Deal Town on Saturday, July 18.

A week later both the first-team and reserves take on Margate on Hartsdown Park, before a home game against Kent League runners-up Hythe Town on Tuesday, July 28.

The Blues make the return to Southwood four days later. The Rams complete their preparations for life in Ryman South with home games against Slade Green and Maidstone United. The league season begins on Saturday, August 15.

One player who should be in good condition when pre-season begins is Andy

### FOOTBALL

Hadden. The 21-year-old midfielder is teaming up with former Ram and current Whitstable Town striker Dave Cory to cycle 500 miles for charity this week.

The pair, who work together, set off from Whitstable's Belmont ground on Sunday. Averaging around six hours in the saddle per day, their route will take them to the Eiffel Tower in Paris via Calais. They will then head north to Dieppe and after crossing the Channel will head to Wembley Stadium in time for the FA Cup final on Saturday.

The ride is in aid of SNAAP (Special Needs Advisory and Activities Project), a charity which supports families who have children with special needs or disabilities in the Canterbury area. Donations can be made via [www.snaap.org.uk](http://www.snaap.org.uk).

### FOOTBALL



Picture: ADY KERRY

**DESERVED:** Gillingham celebrate promotion back to League One following play-off victory at Wembley

## We got the rewards we deserved, says Stimson

GILLINGHAM boss Mark Stimson described the club's League Two play-off win as the best of his managerial career as he led his side back to League One at the first attempt.

Simeon Jackson's 90th minute header won it for the Gills as they deservedly beat Shrewsbury Town 1-0 in a good advert for the Football League at a sunny Wembley Stadium.

The Gills boss, who was in charge when the side were relegated from League One last season, said the credit goes to his players who have put the effort in over the course of the season.

He said: "I'm proud. It's taken a lot of hard work and that's the game we are in, if you don't put the hard work in you don't get the rewards and I thought we got the rewards we deserved."

### Big decisions

"Full credit to the boys, they did what they've done for a long while now. We made some big decisions that the club had to make and I was quite comfortable if it went into extra time and penalties that we would come out winners."

"I'll keep [my medal] on until I get home and the kids take it off me."

After taking his fair share of criticism since he took over in November 2007, Stimson, who has tasted victory at Wembley with Stevenage Borough in the FA Trophy, said the play-off win goes some way to making up for the ignominy of relegation last season.

He said: "Relegation hurts more than you can imagine and we had to get over that. It means a lot financially, a hell of a lot and with some of the big teams like Leeds United, you can attract 9,000 to 10,000 to watch it."

"I don't know if you could put a figure on how much it's worth but I know it will be a fantastic break. I'm sure we will be trying to make it attractive as possible to get as many of that 30,000 crowd back to Priestfield to cheer us on and be proud to support their local team."

# McLaren cuts IPL spell short to help Spitfires

### CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT have been given a timely boost ahead of today's Twenty20 clash with the Middlesex Panthers after news Ryan McLaren has returned in time to play.

The South African all-rounder was signed by the Mumbai Indians to play in the lucrative Indian Premier League Twenty20 event that started on April 18, but wasn't included in any of their games.

The 26-year-old was due to return to the county at the end of the week, but Kent chairman told our sister paper, Kent on Sunday, that the club were hopeful they could arrange to bring him home early.

The Kolpakker missed Monday's game against the Essex Eagles but arrived at Canterbury on Tuesday in time to play against the Middlesex Panthers at Lord's this evening.

### Hopeful

McLaren's inclusion in the Kent Spitfires' squad is a massive boost after South African international Wayne Parnell departed last week to join up with the Proteas ahead of the World Twenty20 that starts next week.

Skipper Rob Key also departs on Saturday to join up with England and although the county were hopeful of bringing in an overseas player to cover the domestic Twenty20, it now looks as the Spitfires will have to use their squad to get through.

Chairman George Kennedy said: "With the Twenty20 already started, it's extremely unlikely we will get an overseas player in as everyone is pretty much signed up for the World Twenty20."

Parnell hopes to return to Canterbury when the World T20 ends on June 21, which would mean he is available for the end of Kent's Twenty20 campaign, the Pro40 and the remainder of the County Championship.

Kennedy added: "We are interested in bring-



Picture: ADY KERRY

**HOME EARLY:** Ryan McLaren has ended his IPL stint a week earlier to help after the departure of Wayne Parnell

ing him back but we don't want to go through the visa problem again. We would have to be pretty sure he can come straight back and we will speak to him about that after the World Twenty20."

The Spitfires make two changes for today's game at Lord's with McLaren and Darren Stevens returning to the side in place of Sam Northeast and Rob Ferley.

## Gate decision imminent

MARGATE FC were due to learn whether they have been granted a reprieve from relegation to Ryman Division One South as Yourthanet went to press. For the latest on the situation, visit [www.yourthanet.co.uk](http://www.yourthanet.co.uk).

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